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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Potomac

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IN GENERAL CONVENTION.

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Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, convened in General Convention in Hagerstown, Md., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Sixteenth, and continued until the night of the Twenty-first day of the month, inclusive, at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened *in General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 16th, A. D. 1878, at 7½ o'clock, in the First Reformed Church of the City of Hagerstown, Md., pursuant to appointment of last annual meeting, and was opened with the usual religious services. The President of the previous year, Rev. John A. Peters, preached the opening sermon from 2 Tim. 2:2—"*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.—Jacob O. Miller, D. D , Jacob D. Zehring, Aaron Spangler, Francis S. Lindaman, Moses Kieffer, D. D., William H. Herbert, William F. Colliflower, J. Marion Mickley, Frederick J. Sauerber, John Kretzing, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Rinehart R. Smith, Reuben Rauhauser, William R. H. Deatrich, Andrew J. Heller, George W. Glessner, D. D., Aaron Wanner, E. Garver Williams, Amos H. Kremer, D. D., and the Licentiates Ambrose D. Gring, and Samuel T. Wagner.

Elders.—William A. Wilt, Jesse M. Forney, Frederick Sakemiller, Frederick Gutshall, John Stal'smith, John Hager, Jacob March,

Michael Neuman, Alfred H. Addams, Esq., William Stuck, Michael Deatrick, William Sprenkle, Emanuel Reiber, Jacob Wetzel, George Hoke, Henry M. Cocklin, and Elias B. Leiby.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.—Joseph W. Santee, D. D., George L. Staley, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, J. Spangler Kieffer, Mortimer L. Shuford, P. Allison Long, Orange E. Lake, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, Henry Wissler, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Ambrose C. Geary, Leighton G. Kremer, Abner R. Kremer, Anthony Shulenberger, John G. Noss, George B. Russell, D. D., Jonas B. Shontz, Charles H. Coon, and Licentiates Marion L. Firor, Henry E. Cook, and George M. Zacharias.

Elders.—Louis Markell, David C. Hammond, Matthias P. Zacharias, Ezra Williard, Urias Ramsburg, Goldsboro S. Griffith, John Stockman, David S. Firor, Henry Biser, William A. Hagerman, Peter Middlekauff, Christopher G Boyer, Hon. William H. Knode, John T. Ankeny, Peter B. Mikesell, and Gideon Remsburg.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.—William M. Deatrick, Isaac G. Brown, A. Carl Whitmer, John H. Sykes, Albert G. Dole, John A. Peters, Milton H. Sangree, Henry I. Comfort, David N. Dittmar, David M. Whitmore, John M. Schick, William I. Stewart, David W. Ebbert, William C. Cremer, Franklin F. Bahner, Henry F. Long, J. David Miller, Henry S. Garner, J. Alvin Reber, Jacob Hassler, Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., and Isaac M. Motter.

Elders.—Samuel B. Snively, George Koons, Henry Omwake, David Grove, Cyrus T. Kieffer, David B. Russell, David Fortney, John Bowman, John G. Lingenfelter, Isaac K. Little, William Philips, Andrew R. Schnebly, and John D. Aurandt.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.—John C. Bowman, Barton R. Carnahan, Samuel N. Callender, D. D., Anderson J. Whitmore, John A. Hoffheins, Henry Tallhelm, Henry St. J. Rinker, Charles G. Fisher, and the Licentiate George A. Whitmore.

Elders.—William J. Hensell, William H. Pargelt, Jacob Lantz, Emanuel Wise, Hiram A. Jordan, Americus J. Souder, Joseph Welshans, and Richard L. Gray.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Synod of the United States.—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D , and Peter S. Davis, D. D.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Revs. Henry W. Hoffmeier, and William F. Lichliter.

From Zion's Classis.—Elder Louis H. Koch.

From Maryland Classis.—Elder Dennis Remsberg.

From Mercersburg Classis.—Elders Jacob Heyser, and Adam B. Wingerd.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following ministers, residents of Hagerstown, was announced from time to time, during the sessions of Synod, viz:

Rev. J. C. Thompson of the Presbyterian Church; Revs. J. K. Williams and S. W. Owen of the Lutheran Church; Revs. James Gamble and A. S. Hawk of the Methodist Church; Rev. C. L. Keedy, Principal of the Hagerstown Female Seminary; and Rev. Levi Keller of the Lutheran Church of Funkstown, Md.

NOTE.—Many of the members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first session, and hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would have appeared, had they been present at the formation of the Roll, at the opening session, but in the order of their appearance upon the floor of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., *President*, Gettysburg, Pa.

Rev. William M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary*, Cavetown, Md.

Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., *Treasurer*, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, as adopted at the Synod of Chambersburg, were then read by the Stated Clerk. The *Bar of the House* was defined, agreeably to these Rules, to be the first nine pews from the pulpit.

On motion, the following rules were adopted; viz.:

Resolved, That hereafter, in every instance, written credentials, properly signed, must be presented before an elder is entitled to a seat on the floor of this Synod, as a member thereof.

Resolved, That hereafter the election of Synod's Treasurer be subsequent to the presentation of his annual report to the Synod.

The following hours were fixed upon for the opening and closing of the current sessions of Synod, viz.:

The forenoon session to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock. The afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4½ o'clock.

An evening session was held on Monday evening, the last day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President, viz:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, J. D. Zehring, L. G. Kremer, and Elders D. C. Hammond, and J. M. Forney.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. A. Peters, M. H. Sangree, and Elders J. Stallsmith, and W. J. Hensell.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. W. F. Colliflower, M. L. Shuford, A. G. Dole, and Elders J. Hager, and E. Williard.

Overtures.—Revs. I. G. Brown, A. Spangler, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders C. T. Kieffer, and M. Deatrick.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. S. S. Miller, J. M. Mickley, H. Wissler, and Elders A. H. Addams, and D. S. Firor.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. J. W. Santee, J. O. Miller, S. N. Callender, and Elders J. March, and G. S. Griffith.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. A. C. Whitmer, A. C. Geary, O. E. Lake, and Elders W. A. Wilt, and H. Biser.

Education.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, H. I. Comfort, F. S. Lindaman, and Elders L. Markell, and S. B. Snively.

Missions.—Rev. W. Goodrich, F. J. Sauerber, D. M. Whitmore, and Elders J. Stockman, and J. Bowman.

Publication.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, P. A. Long, W. I. Stewart, and Elders D. Fortney, and M. P. Zacharias.

Finance.—Revs. J. C. Bowman, W. H. Herbert, D. N. Dittmar, and Elders U. Ramsburg, and J. G. Lingenfelter.

Nominations.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, H. St. J. Rinker, J. M. Schick, and Elders D. B. Russell, and W. A. Hagerman.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. G. L. Staley, I. S. Weisz, W. R. H. Deatrich, and Elders W. H. Knode, and W. H. Bargelt.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Mercersburg, Maryland, Zion, Virginia, and North Carolina were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Report of the Board of Education was laid before Synod and read, and then referred to the Committee on Education.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., were received, and referred to the same Committee.

5. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. Six other Communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VI.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, viz.:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report, as follows:

SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD, IN FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Friday Evening.—Synodical Sunday-school Board's service, conducted by Elder G. S. Griffith, member of the Sunday-school Board.

1st Topic: Sunday-school Conventions, how to conduct them, and their benefits; to be discussed by Rev. D. W. Ebbert and Rev. S. S. Miller.

2nd Topic: The Infant Class: to be discussed by Rev. Dr. Miller and Rev. J. C. Bowman.

3rd Topic: Asking questions—what and how to ask; to be discussed by Rev. Dr. Eschbach and Rev. Dr. Higbee.

Saturday Afternoon.—Services preparatory to the Holy Communion: sermon by Rev. J. Kretzing.

Sunday Morning.—Celebration of the Lord's Supper: sermon by Rev. Dr. Kieffer, President of Synod; liturgical service by Rev. Dr. Fisher and Rev. Dr. Callender.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer, A. C. Geary, and A. J. Heller.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. G. Noss.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES.

Christ Reformed Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. A. R. Kremer. *Sunday Evening*, Rev. W. F. Colliflower.

Salem Reformed Church.—*Sunday Afternoon*, Rev. N. H. Skyles.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. J. C. Bowman. *Sunday Evening*, Rev. J. B. Shontz.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. Dr. Staley. *Sunday Evening*, J. T. Rossiter.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. F. F. Bahner. *Sunday Evening*, Rev. B. R. Carnahan.

United Brethren Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. J. M. Mickley. *Sunday Evening*, Rev. F. S. Lindaman.

Disciple Church.—*Sunday Evening*, Rev. Dr. Weisz.

St. Matthew's German Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. Aaron Spangler.

Presbyterian Church.—*Sunday Morning*, Rev. A. C. Whitmer. *Sunday Evening*, Rev. Dr. Callender.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Spangler Kieffer,
Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD AND GENERAL SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of last Annual Meeting and those of the General Synod of Lancaster publicly by the Synod was dispensed with, and the Printed Minutes of last annual meeting were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report the items of unfinished business, claiming the attention of this meeting; and those of the General Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod to report the items that claim the attention of this Synod.

During the session of Thursday Forenoon, the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod submitted the following report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz.:

I. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of Synod for last year, beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business requiring the attention of the present sessions of Synod, to wit:

Item 1, *page* 19. The term of office of Revs. I. G. Brown, W. C. Cremer, and S. N. Callender, as members of the Board of Education, terminates with the present meeting of Synod.

Item 2, *page* 34. Two resolutions apportioning $4,500 among the several Classes to meet the indebtedness and current expenses of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

Item 3, *page* 35. The terms of office of Rev. J. O. Miller and Elder W. A. Wilt, as members of the Board of Missions, expired October 1st, 1878.

Item 4, *page* 35. A resolution earnestly calling the attention of the Tri-Synodic Board to the mission work in the Valley of Virginia, as a work which this Synod regards with special interest and hope.

Item 5, *page* 35. Action looking to the pledging of Synod to raise, in the way of church extension, its proportion of the amount necessary for the securing of a lot and the erection of a Chapel for the mission in Washington City, was laid on the table until the present annual meeting of Synod.

Item 6, *page* 37. An assessment for the Contingent Fund of Synod is made upon the several Classes.

Item 7, *page* 37. A large deficit is reported in the amount needed to refund the Two Thousand Dollars borrowed for the relief of the Reformed Church Publication Board, as authorized by the Synod of Winchester in 1875.

Item 8, *page* 38. The term of service of Elder Louis Markell, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, will expire January 1st, 1879.

Item 9, *page* 40. A resolution requesting the Classes to hold Sunday-school Conventions within their bounds, so far as practicable.

Item 10, *page* 40. The term of office of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as a member of the Sunday-school Board, ends at this meeting of Synod.

Item 11, *page* 41. The action of the Synod of Winchester, making it the duty of the Sunday-school Board either to prepare, or have prepared a *Manual*, giving a concise, practical, and popular account of the general idea and scheme of the *Church Year*, with specific, detailed statements of the significance of the separate days and seasons, and the logical order of thought contained in them, is once more reiterated.

Item 12, *page* 41. Action, in the case enjoining and commanding the Classis of North Carolina to desist from the use of any other hymn book by her congregations than those already allowed, until the General Synod grants such permission, is postponed until the present annual meeting of Synod; and the North Carolina Classis is commanded to give the Synod official information in regard to their action in the case.

Item 13, *page* 41. The Stated Clerk of the same Classis is required to send forthwith a copy of the minutes of the Classis for 1876–77 to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Item 14, *page* 42. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod published, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 15, *page* 43. Agreeably to the Charter of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, it is made the duty of the Synod of the Potomac, at the present meeting, to elect a member of said Board, for the term of four years.

Item 16, *page* 47. The special committee, appointed by the Synod of Hanover, in 1876, of which Rev. Dr. Higbee is chairman, to prepare and publish, in conjunction with a similar committee from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" *with music*, is continued another year.

Item 17, *page* 48. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology was appointed, of which Rev. W. M. Deatrick is chairman, whose duty it is made to report at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Deatrick,
J. A. Peters,
M. H. Sangree,
J. Stallsmith,
Wm. J. Hensell,
Committee.

Items 1, 3, 8, and 10 were severally adopted and then referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the necessary nominations; for the action of Synod on items 2, 4, and 5. see Article XIV., Missions; on items 6 and 7, see Article XV., Finance; on items 9 and 11, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; on items 12 and 13, see Article XIX, Church Government; on items 14, 15, and 16, see Article XX., Publication; and on item 17, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during Monday Afternoon's session. The report of the Committee was received, amended, disposed of item by item, adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of General Synod report, as follows:

Item 1, *page* 26. Revs. J. O. Miller, D. D., G. W. Glessner, D. D., and Elder John P. Reed, Esq., have been appointed from the Synod of the Potomac to attend the Presbyterian Reformed Alliance, to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the year A. D. 1880.

Item 2, *page* 43. The Boards of Missions of the District Synods are requested to report to the Board of Missions of the General Synod, at least one month before its triennial meeting, a statement of their labors and their financial condition; and each Synod is also requested to send annually a copy of its Minutes to the General Synod's Board of Missions.

Item 3, *page* 43. The General Synod recommends to all District Synods and the Classes the feasibility of at once organizing missionary societies in all the congregations throughout the Church.

Item 4, *page* 50. The General Synod directs, that the claims of the Orphan Homes be urgently presented by the ministers and elders of *all* our congregations to the membership of the Church, and to adopt the best measures to develope most fully the spirit of charity.

Item 5, *page* 70. An amendment to the Constitution is proposed, in regard to the basis and mode of representation of the Classes in the meetings of the District Synods.

Item 6, *page* 76. This Synod is entitled to elect four delegates, two ministers and two elders, to the Commission to convene in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., on the last Wednesday of November, 1879, to consider and solemnly deliberate over all matters in controversy within the Church, with a view of devising a plan of amicable adjustment.

Item 5, *page* 78. The District Synods are advised to direct attention to the duty of seeking the divine guidance and blessing, to the end that special prayer be offered to God in behalf of the Commission to be appointed, and its great work; in the regular service, and in the

weekly prayer-meetings, at the time when that Commission shall meet for deliberation.

Item 8, *page* 82. The sum of $260.00 was assessed upon this Synod for the Contingent Fund of the General Synod.

Item 9, *page* 85. The Stated Clerks of the several District Synods are requested to furnish three copies of the Minutes, for each of the three preceding years, to the General Synod, for its use.

Item 10, *page* 89. The next meeting of the General Synod will take place in Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 18th, A. D. 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. F. Colliflower,
M. L. Shuford,
A. G. Dole,
John Hager,
Ezra Williard,
Committee.

Items 1, 2, 7, 9, and 10 were severally adopted. For the action of Synod on item 3, see Article XIV., Missions; on 4 and 6, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on item 5, see Article XIX., Church Government; and on item 8, see Article XV., Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received, acted on item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to offer the following report, to wit:

Item 1. An invitation from the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington County. Md, now open in the immediate vicinity of Hagerstown, to visit their Exhibition.

Item 2. The resignation of Rev. Dr. Higbee as Assistant Editor of *The Messenger.*

Item 3. The resignation of Rev. J. A. Peters as member of the Boards of Education and Missions respectively.

Item 4. A statement from the Board of Foreign Missions that said Board has appointed the Licentiate Ambrose D. Gring as Missionary to Japan, and asks Synod's hearty co-operation in the work.

Item 5. A statement of the condition of Bethany Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and a request to aid in enlarging the work and usefulness of said institution.

Item 6. A petition from Revs. J. Gantenbein and J. Muellhaupt, members of San Francisco Classis and missionaries of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, requesting the Synod to make provision to organize a new Classis out of the territory of the San Francisco Classis, lying north of the State of California.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. Brown,
Aaron Spangler,
J. T. Rossiter,
Cyrus T. Kieffer,
Michael Deatrick,
Committee.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, and 5, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on item 3, see Articles XIII. and XIV., Education and Missions; on item 4, see Article XIV., Missions; and on item 6, see Article XIX., Church Government.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report, during Friday Afternoon's Session, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classes submit the following as their report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. North Carolina Classis failed to furnish the Synod with their report on the State of Religion and Statistics, separately from their Minutes, as required by the Rules and Regulations of the Synod.

2. San Francisco Classis failed to furnish the Synod with a copy of its Minutes for the past year.

3. Zion's Classis met in adjourned meeting within the limits of another Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. Zion's Classis refers the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, that constitutional arrangements be made for the ordination of Licentiate Ambrose D. Gring, whom said Board has appointed missionary to Japan, to the Synod, to determine the place and time of ordination, and make the necessary arrangements for the same.

5. Mercersburg Classis, by resolution, expresses its willingness to this Synod to transfer Mercersburg College to the fostering care of Synod, if, in its judgment, it is prepared to have such an institution under its care.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

6. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, and Virginia Classes took favorable action on the subject of Home Missions.

7. Zion's, Maryland, and Mercersburg Classes took favorable action on Classical Sunday-school Conventions.

8. Maryland and Mercersburg Classes took favorable action in reference to the increased circulation of The Messenger and other periodicals of the Church.

9. *North Carolina Classis* did not comply with the Synod's injunction and command to desist from the use of any other hymn book by her congregations than those already allowed, until the General Synod grant such permission.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

10. Zion's Classis licensed Ambrose D. Gring and Samuel T. Wagner; received the licentiate Frederick J. Sauerber from the Lancaster Classis, Synod of the United States, and ordained him; received Rev. Wm. D. Lefevre from the Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. F. E. Vandersloot to the Virginia Classis, and Rev. Solomon B. Schafer to the East Susquehanna Classis.

11. Maryland Classis licensed Marion L. Firor and Henry E. Cook; received George B. Russell, D. D., from the Allegheny Classis, and Rev. Leighton G. Kremer from the Lebanon Classis.

12. Mercersburg Classis licensed Samuel C. Long and Isaac N. Peightel; ordained the licentiates J. David Miller, Henry S. Garner, Isaac N. Peightel, and J. Alvin Reber; received Revs. Franklin F. Bahner and Cyrus H. Reiter from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Henry F. Long from the Tuscarawas Classis, the licentiate J. David Miller from the Philadelphia Classis, and the licentiate J. Alvin Reber from the Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Rev. Jeriah S. Shade to the Shelby Classis, Rev. William D. Lefevre to the Zion's Classis, Synod of the United States Rev. Carl Gundlach to the West New York Classis, the licentiate George N. Abbott to the Orange Association of Congregational Ministers in the State of Vermont, the licentiate Samuel C. Long to the Iowa Classis, and Rev. John A. Peters

and the licentiate John B. Kieffer to the Lancaster Classis, Synod of the United States.

13. Virginia Classis licensed George A. Whitmore.

14. North Carolina Classis licensed Robert S. Crooks.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

15. Zion's Classis will meet in Jacob's Church of the Emanuel Charge, York county, Pa., on Friday, May 16th, A. D. 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Aaron Wanner, *President*, Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*, and Elder Wm. A. Wilt, *Treasurer*.

16. Maryland Classis will meet in Jefferson, Frederick County, Md., on Thursday, May 15th, A. D. 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. N. H. Skyles, *President*, and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

17. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pa., on Wednesday, May 14th, A. D. 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Wm. A. Gring, *President*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

18. Virginia Classis will meet in Smithfield, Jefferson County, West Virginia, on Thursday, May 15th, A. D. 1879, at 7½ o'clock P. M. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *President*, and Rev. H. St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

19. North Carolina Classis will meet in Emanuel's Church in Davidson County, North Carolina, on Thursday, May 22nd, A. D. 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. Ingle, *President*, Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, and Rev. T. Long, *Treasurer*.

20. San Francisco Classis will meet in Stockton, California, June 1st A. D. 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. H. Krueger, *President*, and Rev. F. Fox, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON S. MILLER,
J. MARION MICKLEY,
HENRY WISSLER,
DAVID S. FIROR,
Committee.

Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 were severally adopted. For Synod's action on item 4, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 5, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 9, see Article XIX, Church Government.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE and ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination offered the following report, at Monday Evening's Session, which was received and adopted, viz.:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination would offer the following report: That no business, nor candidates for examination were referred to them, and, therefore, the Committee has nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Santee, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, made the following report, at Monday Evening's session, which was received and adopted, to wit:

It is the duty and joyful privilege of the Christian to walk about Zion, and to go around about her, telling the towers thereof, marking well her bulwarks, and considering her palaces, that he may tell it to the generation following.

To-day again we must look at our Zion in the light of another past year, and the view is, in the main, truly encouraging.

All the Classical reports express great gratitude to God for the health and general physical ability vouchsafed to our Pastors, enabling them, with but little interruption, regularly to do their work.

Not a single minister died during the past Synodical year, save one, namely, the venerable Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot, of York, Pa., who was gathered unto his people in a good old age.

We must praise the Lord also for the very general peace and harmony prevailing in our churches; and just now especially it becomes us gratefully to acknowledge the grace and goodness of God in the hopes which have come down to us from the action of the General Synod in May last, and to pray for the guidance of the Holy Ghost, in order that these fond hopes may be most fully realized.

From the Classical reports it is very evident that there has been general faithfulness on the part of the ministry in preaching, catechization, visitation, and Christian discipline.

Of course the work of the Lord has been hindered, in various ways, by the weakness and wickedness of men, as well as by the malice of the devil; and so it comes to pass that the Classical reports tell of spots in our feasts of charity, occasional strife, illiberality, a lack of self-denial, and the neglect of great duties to Christ and His holy Church. Yet, not-

withstanding these manifold hindrances, we have evidence of reasonable growth and progress, as the blessed fruit of much hard work.

We have no news of any extraordinary religious awakening, nor do we expect it; for the kingdom of God cometh not thus, but as if a man should cast seed into the ground. After this quiet manner of grace, however, our growth and church life are encouraging.

The visible progress of the Church is seen in the increase of our communicant membership, the organization of new congregations, the ordination of ministers, the number of students for the Holy Ministry, the building of many new churches, and parsonages, and in the large amount of general church work that has been done.

The inner life of grace, however, expresses itself in many ways, which cannot be set down in a statistical table; and accordingly all the reports have encouraging words in regard to the piety of our people, and their growth in godliness through the faithful use of the means of grace.

On the other hand, the statistical tables show, that, on an average, each communicant member has given very little toward the benevolent work of the Church, as compared with our wealth; and we should fear lest we fall under the sore curse of those who rob God. Worse than all, is the painful fact that the reported alms of this year have fallen very far below the amount of last year.

It is not surprising, then, that our educational interests have seriously suffered, from financial embarrassment.

The same is true of Home Missions. Synod certainly cannot congratulate itself upon what has been done in this department. The work has gone evenly forward, it is true; but we must humbly confess, before God and men, that in this great central work of the Church we have done quite too little.

And yet, at the same time, we must adore the grace and good providence of God, who has led our Church to take up anew the work of Foreign Missions; and this Synod must rejoice also in the fact that one of its own sons is about to go to the foreign field.

Another very pleasing fact is the increased attention that has been given to Sunday School work. Many conventions have been held; our Classes are more alive to this great interest; our schools are better conducted, and more directly under the care of the churches; and very encouraging signs are seen on every hand.

This general view of our Zion should fill every earnest heart with devout thankfulness to the triune God, by whose loving hand we have been thus brought through the labor, care and joy of another year.

To Him let us humbly commit our persons and services, praying, for His blessing, and go forward into another year in faith and hope but with greater earnestness, knowing that the night cometh.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Whitmer,
A. C. Geary,
O. E. Lake,
Wm. A. Wilt,
Henry Biser,
Committee.

(For Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented its annual report to Synod, during the session of Friday Forenoon, which was received, approved, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows, viz :

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Reverend Fathers and Brothers :—

Your Board, at its meeting in Baltimore, at the close of the last annual sessions of Synod, re-elected the following officers, viz. : Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*, Rev. I. G. Brown, *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee consists of Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, I. G. Brown, and Wm. C. Cremer.

By the action of the last meeting of Synod, the Board was increased from seven to nine members, by the election of two additional members. The Synod ordered that three of these should hold office for three years, three of them for two years, and three of them for one year, and also that the members should determine among themselves their respective terms of service. This was accordingly done at the meeting of the Board, held immediately after the final adjournment of the last Synod, with the following result, namely : Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, J. S. Kieffer, and J. W. Santee, to serve for the term of three years ; Revs. J. A. Peters, Wm. Goodrich, and Elder J. Heyser, for two years ; and Revs. I. G. Brown, Wm. C. Cremer, and S. N. Callender, for one year.

The Board held a meeting in Mercersburg, last April, at the close of the session in the Post Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, and attended the examinations of those students, who had received theological instruction in said institution. These examinations proved creditable to the young men and satisfactory to the members of the Board. Messrs. Marion L. Firor, Samuel T. Wagner, Samuel C. Long, George A. Whitmore, and Isaac N. Peightel, constituting the Senior Class in the Post Graduate Course of study in Mercersburg College, after having completed the full three years' curriculum of theological instruction, were granted certificates of dismissions, with recommendation for licensure, to their respective Classes. Messrs. Long and Peightel were duly licensed to preach the Gospel by the Mercersburg Classis, Mr. Firor by the Maryland Classis, Mr. Wagner by the Zion's Classis, and Mr. Whitmore by the Virginia Classis.

The Board likewise appointed the resident members of the Board a committee to attend the examinations of those beneficiary students, who were connected with the Collegiate and Preparatory Departments of Mercersburg College. These examinations took place during the month of June, and the Committee reported them to your Board, at a meeting held in Mercersburg, June 26th, 1878, as being very satisfactory to the committee, and in every instance as displaying commendable progress on the part of our beneficiary students. They stand well in their respective classes. The second and third highest grades of scholarship in the College were awarded to beneficiary students connected respectively with the Junior and Senior Classes of the last Collegiate year—the former a beneficiary of the Maryland Classis, and the latter a beneficiary of the Mercersburg Classis. Your Board is happy in being able to state, that all

the highest grades in the College were given to young men, who are students for the Holy Ministry; and that, in no instance, did the scholarship-grade of any beneficiary student, under the care and supervision of the Board, fall as low as 3½: so that there was no occasion presented for admonition to increased diligence and faithfulness in study.

During the last Synodical year, the Board had under its care and supervision the following beneficiary students, to whom appropriations were made by the several Classes, under whose fostering care they respectively are, to wit:

Mercersburg Classis:—Isaac N. Peightel, Samuel C. Long, W. Wilberforce Deatrick, Samuel H. Eisenberg, Daniel H. Leader, Albert A. Black, George B. Resser, and Jonathan W. Miller.

Maryland Classis:—Marion L. Firor, E. Ranson Deatrick, and Charles I. Baker.

Virginia Classis:—George A. Whitmore, and Samuel L. Whitmore.

Zion's Classis:—Christian W. Summey. Lawrence M. Hensell was received as a beneficiary student, at our meeting in Baltimore, last October, upon the earnest recommendation of Rev. Dr. Higbee, and is now being supported as such, by funds furnished by the Maryland Classis. E. Ranson Deatrick was placed under the care of the Board, during the present summer, by the action of the same Classis.

The Board had thus under its care and supervision fifteen young men, as beneficiary students. Four of these having completed their course of study and been licensed, the Board has only eleven beneficiaries at present to supply with funds. Five of these will finish their theological studies next Spring, thus reducing the number to six, unless others are received, in the mean time. The diminishing numbers of those who are preparing for the work of the ministry, as shown in this report, should produce earnest inquiry, whether we are not growing lukewarm in the matter of educating young men for the work of the Christian Ministry. Instead of allowing our zeal to provide laborers for the great harvest to abate, we should rather seek to increase it. The foreign field is now claiming our prayerful consideration, and demanding laborers. In our own country, the great West, the South, the North, and the East are ready to welcome our missionaries. In the grand, glorious language of the Divine Master Himself, "The field is the world." "Occupy till I come."

The beneficiaries have all received their stipends punctually and have been paid up to date, and there remains a handsome balance in the Treasury. The Lord has graciously prospered this part of the work And this too amid the financial pressure that still prevails, and, whilst we are informed by the public press, that the falling off in the contributions to the Presbyterian Board of Education is so great, that the appropriations promised by said Board must be reduced one-fourth. And for two years that Board has succeeded in meeting no more than three of its four quarterly payments, and is encumbered with a heavy debt. Surely, we may raise our Eben-Ezer, and exclaim, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Only three of the Classes have co-operated with your Board fully, in carrying forward this good work, and another Classis only in part.

At the present time, S. H. Eisenberg, D. H. Leader, S. L Whitmore, F. W Brown, L. M. Hensell. C. Gumbert, G. B Resser, C. K. Kiesacker, and E S. Hassler are receiving theological instruction in the Post Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, and W. W. Deatrick and A. A. Black in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Treasurer of the Board acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for Beneficiary Education, during the past Synodical year. The different pastoral charges are credited with the amounts contributed by each respectively; the aggregate paid during the year being given, omitting the items and dates of payment, viz.:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mercersburg Classis.

Mercersburg Charge,	$100.00
Chambersburg "	100.00
Bedford "	99.42
Waterstreet "	83.36
Greencastle "	70.24
Mont Alto "	69.54
Friend's Cove, "	66.67
St. Clairsville "	55.00
St. Thomas "	48.00
College Church "	40.00
Loudon "	34.90
Altoona "	34.50
Sulphur Spring "	20.00
Everett "	17.00
Yellow Creek "	12.00
Orbisonia "	10 00
St. John's of Chambersburg	10.00
Middleburg Charge,	8.62
Grindstonehill "	7.20
Schellsburg "	5.38
Martinsburg "	5.16
Greenfield "	4.44
Huntingdon "	1.15
Amount	$902.58

Maryland Classis.

Evangelical Ref. Church of Frederick,	$154.61
Manchester Charge,	40.75
Hagerstown "	30.75
Middletown "	30.00
First Church of Baltimore,	30.00
Third Church of Baltimore,	28 00
Jefferson Charge,	22.50
Mechanicstown "	20.50
Mount Moriah "	17 00
Boonsboro "	13.00
Clear Spring "	10.45
Burkettsville "	10.00
Cavetown "	8.00
Mount Pleasant "	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Knoxville,	3.00
Amount,	$425.56

Virginia Classis.

Cash per Treasurer,	$266.35

Zion's Classis.

Cash per Treasurer,	$100.00
Total receipts,	$1694.49

Recapitulation. Dr.

October 16, 1877. Balance in Treasury,	$169.44
Received from Mercersburg Classis,	902.58
" Maryland "	425.56
" Virginia "	266.35
" Zion's "	100.00
Total,	$1863.93

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Paid beneficiaries of Mercersburg Classis,	$893.75
" Maryland "	237.50
" Virginia "	316.04
" Zion's "	137 50
Postage, discount, stationery, &c.,	2.94
October 15, 1878. Balance in Treasury,	276.20
Total,	$1863.93

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We hereby certify, that we have carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

The foregoing Synopsis and Recapitulation are a faithful statement of the same. There is a balance in the Treasury, at this time, of $276.20.

I. G. BROWN,
WM. I. STEWART,
Committee.

October 15, 1878.

II. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, respectfully present their annual report. The usual semi-annual and annual meetings of the Board have been held and the routine business transacted The only important step we took was the employment of the same counsel engaged by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to prosecute and defend the interests of the Seminary in the matter of the Wilhelm bequest.

No additions have been received to the endowment fund, during the year. The financial condition of the Seminary is fully explained by the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

D W. GROSS, *President.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1878.

III. REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

JOHN B. ROTH, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH LIBRARY FUND OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DR.

1877, Amount of Principal,	$2,069.96	
" Oct. 1, For Balance due by Treasurer to date,		$ 103.90
" " 1, " Interest A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1877,		23.56
1878, " 22, " " E. J. Zahm, "		7.50
" April 2, " " E. J. Zahm, April 1, 1878,		7.50
" " 15, " " A. B. Wingerd, 1, "		24.59
		$167.05

CR.

1877, October 27, By am't pd I. M. Stoddart & Co. Bill,	$ 6.00	
" " 27, " " A. Bendel, "	5.32	
" Dec 13, " " F. W. Christern, "	4.50	
1878, March 2, " " A. H. Roffe & Co., "	12.25	
" " 11, " " I. M. Stoddart & Co., "	6.00	
" April 4, " " A. Bendel, "	6.75	
" May 10, " " F. W. Christern, "	4.10	
" June 21, " " S. H. Zahm & Co., "	9.30	
" August 12, " " F. A. Gasts, Ex. & chgs, "	1.50	
" Sept. 13, " " A. Bendel, "	6.10	
" " 24, " " R. Clarke & Co., "	4.10	
		65.92
" Oct. 1, Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$101.13

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary from October 1, 1877 *to October* 1, 1878.

CR.

For amount received as Interest on Endowment, Building and Pittsburg Professor Funds		$ 4970.66
1877, Oct. 1, By Balance due Treasurer,	$1782.86	
1878, " 1, " Sundry payment made for vouchers,	4297.17	
		$6080.03
" " 1, " Balance due Treasurer,		1109.37
Col. interests due to same date,		1200.00

Smaltz Fund Account.

DR.

Amount of Principal,	$5000.00	
1877, Oct. 26, Interest, P. Franke to Oct. 1877,		150.00
1878, April 1, " " " " April, 1878,		150.00
" Sept. 13, " I. Showalter in full,		19.00

DR.

1877, Oct. 1, By amount due to Treasurer to date	$ 10.61	
" Nov. 17, " " paid per order No. 1,	100.00	
" Dec. 10, " " " " " 2,	50.00	
1878, Mch. 15, " " " " " 3,	35.00	
" Apl. 18, " " " " " 4,	65.00	
" Sept. 7, " " " " " 5,	20.00	
" " 24, " " " " " 6,	20.00	
" " 25, " " " " " 7,	25.00	
	$325.61	
Amount Dr. down,	319.00	
Amount due Treasurer, Oct. 1878		$6.61

Building Fund Account.

1877, Oct. 1, Amount reported to Board,			$12,221.29
" " 1, To George Daniels, Note Paid,	$25.00		
" " 8, " I. N. Zimmerman, "	5.00		
1878, July 20, " Jno. Laubach, "	9.76		
" Aug. 19, " A. Wilhelm, "	10.00		
			49.76
Total amount, Oct. 1, 1878,			$12,271.05

Pittsburg Professor Fund Account.

1877, Oct. 1, Amount reported to Board,	$ 1718.30
1878, " 1, Int. on $1424,55 Principal of Notes collected,	85.47
Amount of Fund, October 4, 1878,	$1803.77

The Board directed the Treasurer to transfer the sum of interest to the Contingent Fund account.

EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1878.

Endowment Fund Account.

1877, Oct. 1, Amount reported to Board, ... $64,487.81

No increase to Oct. 1, 1878. Only about $60,000 dollars of this fund is interest bearing.

JNO. B. ROTH, *Treas.*

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts, and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

WILLIAM A. WILT,
GEO. Z. KUNKLE.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1878.

IV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors take pleasure in reporting the continued prosperity of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The Institution was opened on the first Wednesday of September, 1877, all the professors being in attendance. Every department was regularly pursued during the whole course of the Seminary year. The following persons were admitted to the Junior class: Alfred F. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzell, Jefferson E. Kerschner, William J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag, and Franklin Wetzel, all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. The Faculty reports, that as regards Christian piety and diligent application to study, the tone of the Institution has been on a par with what it was in previous years.

The members of the Board attended the examinations at the close of the year. These examinations exhibited the diligence of the professors in imparting instruction and the progress of the students in their studies. It was the opinion of the Board that in several instances this progress was not just what might be expected, but as a whole the examinations were approved.

The following students, members of the Senior Class, having finished the whole course of study, were honorably dismissed from the Seminary and recommended for license to preach the gospel: Adam J. Bachman,

Henry E. Cook, John M Evans Benjamin B. Ferer, Frederick B. Hahn, Stephen S. Kohler, John H. Leinbach, Samuel M. Roeder, Daniel E. Rupley, John S. Wagner and William H. Xanders.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year was twenty-five.

Although it may not fall exactly within the province of this report, yet we are glad to be able to report that the members of the graduating class, all, with perhaps one or two exceptions, had found fields of labor before the present Seminary year opened. The harvest in the Reformed Church is by no means yet supplied with laborers. The number of ministers in proportion to the membership is much less than in other Protestant denominations. Efforts, therefore, should not be relaxed to seek out and encourage young men of the proper qualifications and talents to enter the Seminary with the view of preparing themselves for the holy ministry. When we consider the yearly mortality in the ranks of the ministry, the large size of our charges, and especially the great missionary field yet to be occupied by the Reformed Church, the conclusion is clear that the number of students for the ministry should not diminish, but rather increase. At the same time the Board is of the opinion that the qualifications of the candidates should be kept up to a high standard. The age requires that the ministry should possess not only proper spiritual qualifications, which is the primary desideratum, but also thorough literary culture.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y of Board.*

V. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom had been referred the Report of the Board of Education, the Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., reported, during Saturday Forenoon's Session, which was received, amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to offer the following as their report. We had referred to us for consideration the Report of the Board of Education of this Synod; and the Reports of the Board of Trustees, of the Treasurer, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. From these documents we learn that the Board of Education of this Synod had under its care, during the past year, fifteen beneficiary students preparing for the Holy Ministry. Of this number four have completed their full course of study, and have been licensed to preach the Gospel. Of the remaining eleven, five are receiving instruction in the Post Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, three in Mercersburg College, two in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and one in Franklin and Marshall College.

There were twenty-five students in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, during the past scholastic year. Eleven of these have graduated, and been licensed to preach the Gospel.

The financial condition of the Treasury of our Board of Education, as well as that of the Treasury of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster is healthy and encouraging.

The Board of Education of this Synod and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, both call attention to the fact, that

there is a decrease in the number of students preparing for the work of the ministry. Hence, we recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That our pastors and consistories be directed to make efforts to increase the number of pious, talented young men to prepare themselves for the Gospel Ministry.

Resolved, further, That the cause of Beneficiary Education be commended to the several Classes and the churches under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Eschbach,
H. I. Comfort,
F. S. Lindaman,
Louis Markell,
Sam'l. B. Snively,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 3, reported the resignation of Rev. J. A. Peters as a member of the Board of Education. The resignation was accepted, and the Standing Committee on Nominations was instructed to make provision for the filling of the vacancy, as well as nominate candidates to serve for three years, in the place of those, whose term of office expires at this meeting of Synod, by limitation. At the election for members of the different Boards, held during Monday Afternoon's session, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins was elected for one year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. A. Peters, and Revs. I. G. Brown, Wm. C. Cremer and S. N. Callender for the term of three years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. I G. Brown,	3 years		October,	1881.
" Wm. C. Cremer,	3 "		"	1881.
" S. N. Callender,	3 "		"	1881.
" Wm. M. Deatrick,	2 "		"	1880.
" J. S. Kieffer,	2 "		"	1880.
" J. W. Santee,	2 "		"	1880.
" Wm. Goodrich,	1 "		"	1879.
" J. A. Hoffheins,	1 "		"	1879.
Elder J. Heyser,	1 "		"	1879.

XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions were laid before Synod, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. Items 4 and 5 of the Report of the Stand-

ing Committee on Minutes of Synod were likewise referred to the same Committee. A letter was also received from the Rev. C. Cort of Iowa Classis, and referred to the same Committee, in which he earnestly entreats the Synod to redeem its promise of $500.00 to the Missionary Board of Iowa Classis, to be sent through the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod, as made at the Synod of York in 1876.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported, during the session of Saturday Forenoon, and their report was received, amended, and adopted. These Reports are as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potomac.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We herewith transmit to you the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. These reports present an encouraging view of our Missionary operations, notwithstanding the financial embarrassment of the country, and show that the Lord has prospered our work.

The Treasurer's report shows, that our collections this year have been $1500 in excess of the last year The indebtedness to Missionaries which was about $7000, at the close of last year, has been reduced by direct payment by the Board, or through the Classes in whose bounds some of these Missions have been located, to $3000.

We have been compelled to borrow $800 to meet pressing wants of our Missionaries on the Pacific coast. We placed, as seemed to be the wish of the three Synods, a Missionary in charge of St. Stephen's church, organized by the Maryland Classis, in the city of Washington, D. C. This mission costs the Board necessarily more than any other, and will consequently increase our expenditure. We have reason to believe the liberality of the Maryland Classis will respond to meet this increase.

We feel assured that if one-tenth of all our churches shall introduce the plan of auxiliary societies, as suggested by the Board, instead of $1500, we shall have from four to five thousand in excess next year to report.

We shall need this coming year $10,000 to successfully carry on our work, independent of the $3000 still due the missionaries. Last year we asked of the Synods $16.000; this year, in all, we ask only $13,000. And we now respectfully request the Synods to make provision for this amount, in such a way as they may deem best.

We would suggest that the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States provide,.....$7,500
Synod of the Potomac,..... 3,500
Synod of Pittsburgh,..... 2,000

$13,000

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—In presenting my first annual report as Superintendent of Missions, in the bounds of the Eastern Synods herein addressed, I enumerate first the different missions under your care in the several States, in which they are located, so as to present a Geographical view of the territory embraced in the missionary field.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Catasauqua.—This mission reports a membership of ninety-five members. Confirmed nine. Received by renewal of profession three. Baptized twenty-two. There is a prospect of soon effecting an arrangement by which this mission will be connected with neighboring congregations, and so will not need any further assistance from the Board. It has a heavy debt, which interferes with its success and prosperity very seriously. Pastor John J. Crist. Appropriation last year $350. This year $300.

Allentown.—The missionary reports the mission in a prosperous condition, and expects soon to lay the corner-stone of a new Chapel. Number of members 70, received by confirmation 5, by certificate 23, dismissed 30, S. S. scholars 130. Pastor John J. Fritzinger. Appropriation $300.

Easton.—Members 75. Received by baptism 18 and by confirmation 4. S. S. scholars 94 This mission worships in their own chapel on College Hill, upon which, however, there is still some debt resting. It is in a prosperous condition. Pastor D. Y. Heisler. Appropriation $200.

Reading.—The mission congregation in this city have erected a fine large church and parsonage valued at $22,000, but there is a debt of $10,-200 remaining on it, which they are making efforts to reduce yearly The membership numbers 290. S. S. scholars 325. Additions during the year by letter and confirmation 41. Baptisms 50. The membership are generally poor in this world's goods, but willing and liberal according to their ability. T. e pastor labors under a heavy burden of care and responsibility, yet hopefully. Pastor John W Steinmetz. Appropriation this year $300. Last year $400.

West Philadelphia.—This mission has prospered during the year. The membership has increased, and prospects seemed fair for its final success. Through inadequate support and the cares and burdens thereby entailed, the pastor's courage and health have given away, and he now thinks it will be necessary for him to leave the field. We can only hope that help may come in time to save the interest from serious disaster. Pastor J. S. Vandersloot. Appropriation last year $300.

Harrisburg Second Reformed Church.—Members 100. Added during the year 16. Dismissed 3. S. S. scholars 170. Value of church property $7,000, debt $120. The condition of this mission is prosperous. Pastor George W. Snyder.

Harrisburg Zwingli Church—German.—Members 65. Additions 7. S. S. scholars 45. Church property valued at $7,000, with a debt of $1800. Pastor (recently resigned) W. T. Gerhart. Appropriation last year $250. Vacant.

Columbia.—This mission has steadily prospered under the efficient labors of its present pastor. The membership now numbers 155 Additions

during the year 16. Baptisms 19. S. S. scholars 185. The congregation owns a church building and parsonage valued at $12,000, with a debt of $1700 resting upon it. Pastor C. Clever. Appropriation $50.

Wilkesbarre.—The German and English interests in this city are now united in one congregation under the care of a pastor who preaches German and English. The membership numbers about 250 with a growing S. school. They own an eligible church property centrally located, but are burdened also by a pretty large debt. The prospects of the mission are good. Pastor F. K. Levan. Appropriation $400.

Lock Haven.—Members 40. S. S. scholars 80. Additions 4. Baptisms 7. The mission has purchased the Second Presbyterian Church building, and are thus provided with a house of worship. It is struggling through many difficulties and making progress in the midst of many discouragements. Pastor Isaac S. Stahr. Appropriation $300.

Wilkinsburg and East Liberty.—The missionaries at this place, Rev. J. M. Souder and Rev. H. D. Darbaker, have been absent from these points, during several months of the past summer, partly on account of their health, but their places have been supplied by Rev. W. F Lichliter without any additional expense to the missions or the Board. They have both returned to their charges, with improved health, and they report the condition of the missions as prosperous, although they both have suffered much from the times. It is a matter of great thankfulness and encouragement that so many congregations are growing up in and around Pittsburgh, where but a comparatively short time ago, we were without a single church. Bro. Darbaker, although improved in health, expects to withdraw from the mission at East Liberty the 1st of January next. Appropriation to East Liberty $30), to Wilkinsburg $250.

Orbisonia.—Members 96. Additions 8. Baptisms 14. This mission is prospering. A new church is soon to be dedicated. Pastor J. M. Schick. Appropriation $150.

Sulphur Spring, Bedford Co.—The annual report from this mission speaks encouragingly. The charge is engaged in paying off the debt on church and parsonage. Members 145. Baptisms 11, and a catechetical class preparing for confirmation. Pastor Wm. Aug. Gring. Appropriation $200.

Chambersburg (German).—This mission is at present vacant, but it is expected that it may soon be supplied again with a regular pastor. Old appropriation $75.

Duncannon.—Members 130. Baptisms 18. Additions by confirmation, certificate, &c. 14. S. S. scholars 175. The condition of the mission is reported as prosperous. The people are faithful, and the pastor is active in improving the condition of the charge, which, were it not for a debt on the church, at Marysville, might be expected before long to become self-supporting. Pastor U. H. Heilman. Appropriation $225.

Shenandoah.—This mission, during part of the year, was without a pastor. It is, however, again supplied, and is reported to be in an encouraging condition. Pastor J. G. Neff. Appropriation $300.

Allegheny.—The mission congregation in this place has been called to pass through many trials. At present it is again without a pastor, and its prospects are not very encouraging. The Superintendent visited it, and preached for the congregation, and the Board will do all it can to aid in promoting its interest and welfare. Vacant.

Titusville.—This mission, an important one among the foreign Germans, continues to prosper. During the year there was a change of pastors. It is served at present by —— ——. Former appropriation $150.

Scottdale.—This point, during the past year, has been joined with other congregations, and thus passed out of the care of the Board. The missionary has taken charge of a new field of labor, within the bounds of Westmoreland Classis, including the mission at Scottdale. Its appropriation was $200.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—This mission, which consists of two congregations, is moving forward about as usual, and making a sure and steady progress. The membership at Winchester is 77, at Smithfield 28, in all 115. Additions during the year by confirmation and letter 10. Baptisms 10. Each congregation has a church, the one at Smithfield being a union church. There is also a parsonage, on which some debt is still resting. Pastor Charles G. Fisher. Appropriation $300.

Middlebrook.—This mission has been taken under the care of the Board, during the past year. Rev. A J. Whitmore is laboring in it with much self-denial, and with good success. It is the farthest point southward in the Virginia Valley, and is very worthy of aid. The Superintendent visited the mission during the year, and was encouraged with its good prospects. During the summer one of the congregations erected a new church, which it is believed will strengthen the mission, and open up the way to make it self-supporting. Appropriation $150.

DELAWARE.

Wyoming.—It is but a few years since the Reformed Church entered this State. The mission at Wyoming continues to advance in prosperity, although it is separated from the populous sections of our Church, and must act as a pioneer mission in a new field. The prospect of a new mission on the Eastern Shore of Maryland will bring to it fellowship and sympathy. Pastor E. H. Diffenbacher. Appropriation $300.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland (German).—This mission has a membership of 150. Additions during the year 12. During the last four years the additions were 88. Sunday school in a prosperous condition. Church property is worth $5,000, on which, however, there is a debt of $2500. During the past year the mission secured for itself a cemetery which is a great benefit to it. $700 were paid for local purposes, and $50 for benevolent purposes. This is an encouraging mission. Pastor F. R. Schwedes. Appropriation last year $300; this year $250.

Eastern Shore.—During the year a new congregation was organized at Ridgeway, Caroline County, with 37 members, by our missionary at Wyoming, which expects soon to erect a new church. The whole peninsula is an exceedingly interesting field for missionary labor.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The English mission in Washington has at length been organized and obtained the services of a regular pastor. The congregation numbers between 20 and 25 members, six having been added since the present pastor took charge, and as many more are expected to be received shortly. The importance of this mission has been made known to the Church, in various ways, and it has pledged to it the interest and support of the Synods, and especially the Classis in whose bounds it is located. Members 21. Additions 6. Baptisms, infant, 4. Sunday school scholars 30. Unconfirmed 9. Pastor Dr. George B. Russell. Appropriation $1200.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.—A short time ago, our faithful missionary at this point, Rev. John H. Krueger, resigned with the approbation of the Council, with the view of taking charge of a new mission in California. As there was a strong desire on the part of the mission to secure the services of Rev. J. Fuendeling as their pastor, the Council consented to their entering into an election for him, on condition that it should not receive any further direct appropriation from the Board. To this condition both pastor and people consented, and it is believed that this arrangement will be a beneficial one. Rev. Fuendeling entered upon his labors the 1st of October. Appropriation last year $225.

Napa City.—With the approbation of the Board, Rev. Frederick Fox has withdrawn from this mission, where he has been laboring for a number of years, the fruits of which are the erection of a new church, and the gathering together of an interesting and pious congregation. The prospects now are, that the mission will secure the services of a suitable man, at an early day. There are many openings for missions among the Germans in California, and a number of new missions might be started if we had the money. Appropriation last year $310.

OREGON.

Portland.—This mission, amidst difficulties, has moved forward prosperously, with manifold tokens of the divine favor. A new church has been put up with admirable arrangements for the use of the congregation. The members show much zeal and self denial in laboring with their pastor. This is a very interesting and promising mission. Pastor Rev. John Gantenbein. Appropriation this year $300, last year $350.

Salem.—Rev. J. Muellhaupt has succeeded in organizing two small congregations during the year and his mission promises well for the future.

The Rev. Machtersheim is teaching at Walla Walla, in Washington Territory, and laboring with much zeal to organize a mission at this place. Another missionary is expected to enter this field soon, with the view of starting a mission. Oregon and Washington territory are also exceedingly promising fields for missionary labor.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries,	28
Membership,	2740
Additions during the year,	336
Baptisms " " "	451
Sunday school scholars	3080
Contributions for missions and benevolent objects,	$ 865
" for local objects,	$15,886
Value of Church Property,	$160,900
Indebtedness,	$51,170

The Treasurer's report and the financial statement of the Board will show the financial condition of the missionary work.

Since I undertook the office of the Superintendency, my labors have been arduous. Knowing the importance of increasing the contributions throughout the Church, to the cause of missions, it has been one of my principal objects, during the year, to visit the older charges, and, by preaching on the subject, and consultation with pastors, to stir up new interest. An effort was made at the opening of the year to secure special collections in order to meet the immediate pressing wants of our missionaries. Quite a number of congregations responded to this call. So, also, I have aimed to turn to account the usual harvest services for this cause,

visiting and preaching in a number of charges. In this way I have been engaged pretty much every Sunday, preaching two and three times, and occasionally during the week. In connection with my services in this way I have occasionally delivered scientific lectures, devoting the proceeds to the cause of missions, in one form or another. My labors have been thus far chiefly in East Pennsylvania, where the numerical strength and wealth of the Church are so great in proportion to other sections.

I have urged upon pastors and congregations the importance of carrying out the recommendations of the Board, and Council, in reference to organizing missionary societies. In many congregations this plan has been adopted with good results. Contributions to missions will never be what they should and may be without any special burden, until they become systematic. If we can reach all our members and secure something, however small, regularly from each member and each Sunday school scholar, the treasury would always be adequate to the demands made upon it. Here lies in great part the secret of success. Any method that will aid in reaching this result is highly to be commended. It is believed that the organization of missionary societies according to the plan submitted will do much towards bringing about this result. I think it would have a good effect if the Synods would add the weight of their authority and influence in enjoining this matter upon all the charges. In these times of financial depression, it is a matter of life and death for our missions to keep up the necessary amount of funds; and the only way to secure this is to reach all the members. It is believed that the special efforts put forth will show good results in a larger amount contributed this year, than last year, but the movement in this direction is only begun, and it may reasonably be expected that the contributions will go on increasing for years to come without additional burden on the churches. In our work in this direction we have looked to the future.

I have also visited a number of our missions in the Virginia Valley, in Delaware, up the Susquehanna, &c., and endeavoured to ascertain their condition, and wants, as well as to carry to them encouragement. A beginning for a new mission has been made at Ridgeway on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The congregation is at pre ent supplied by the missionary at Wyoming, Delaware, but before long it will need the services of a missionary of its own. I have explored a new field at Great Bend, in the northern part of Pennsylvania, on the north branch of the Susquehanna, where there is a growing settlement of our people who are ready for Church organization. It is believed that this point and Binghampton, New York, which I also visited, may constitute a missionary charge.

It will be seen from the report that the English mission in Washington city has at length been established, and a pastor settled over it. Dr. G. B. Russell has been laboring there since January last. It will no doubt require time and patience, faith and hard labor, to bring this enterprise to a successful issue, but our experience in such cities as Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati, should encourage the Church, to persevere in faith and hope.

The Reformed Church is gradually gaining a foothold on the Pacific Slope. In California and in Oregon we now have churches where a few years ago we were unknown. In some places the progress has been slow, in others more encouraging. Only those who are in close communication with the missions know the many trials and difficulties through which they must pass before they become successfully established. But this is their gracious baptism.

The Church at large needs to have revived throughout all its borders a missionary spirit. Instead of fearing that we may have more candidates

for the ministry, than can find fields of labor, the Church ought to pray for more laborers, especially for a class of young men, full of zeal, and a spirit of self-denial, who may not only be willing but eager to go forth and labor, as our forefathers in the ministry in this country labored, to lay the foundations for the future in new and destitute fields Might it not be well for our schools of the prophets to pay special attention to this side of ministerial preparation in their training of young men for the holy office?

Just as he was preparing to gather up the fruits of his labors, and bring the whole personally before the several Synods, the Superintendent was overtaken, in the providence of God with a serious and somewhat prolonged spell of sickness, so that the present report must be prepared by other friendly hands. He regrets very much that he cannot be present at all the meetings of the Synods and bring before them personally the fruits of his observation and experience in urging forward a cause which lies so near the heart of the Church. But he feels assured that any disadvantage which may result from his illness, in these respects, will be more than made up by the warm-hearted zeal and rich experience of those in the Board and Council with whom he has labored so harmoniously and pleasantly during the past year. With the prayer that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may abundantly rest upon the missionary work of the Church, he closes, and hereby respectfully offers this imperfect report of his labors.

THEODORE APPEL,
Superintendent.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States

I would most respectfully submit the following Statement of moneys received and disbursed for Missions during the year ending October 8th, 1878.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Received from Classis of Philadelphia	$162.36	
" " " " Tohickon	739.27	
" " " " Goshenhoppen,	977.11	
" " " " East Pennsylvania	1428.99	
" " " " Lebanon	964.58	
" " " " Lancaster	577.25	
" " " " East Susquehanna	323.95	
" " " " West Susquehanna	582.40	
Total from Synod of the U. S.		$5755.91

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Received from Classis of Zion	$ 724.63	
" " " " Maryland	1309.72	
" " " " Mercersburg	447.60	
" " " " Virginia	128.00	
Total from Synod of the Potomac		$2609.95

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

Received from Treasurer of Synod	$1076.70	
" " Classis " Clarion	8.00	
" " " " Saint Paul,	45.83	
" " " " Somerset	65 97	
Total from Synod of Pittsburg		$1196.50

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Received from Classis of San Francisco	$ 20.05	
" " a friend in Michigan	5.00	
" " Loans	795.50	
Balance in Treasury, Oct. 8, 1877	570.84	
		$1391.39
Total from all sources		$10953.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of Board paid during year	$10578.40	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis	135 00	
Balance in Treasury	240.35	
		$10953.75

It is gratifying to note that the sum contributed by the church for Missions, during the year just closed, is about $1500 in excess of last year's contributions, but still inadequate to pay off the indebtedness of the Board to the Missionaries. It is earnestly hoped that the Great Head of the Church will dispose His professed people to greater liberality during the next year, so that at its close the Board may find itself out of debt.

Very Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

Harrisburg, Oct 8, 1878.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board of Missions, have examined the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, comparing it with his vouchers and find it correct.

W. H H. SNYDER,
D. W. GROSS.

Harrisburg, Oct. 8, 1878.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following as their report :

They have had the following documents placed in their hands for consideration, namely—the Report of the Board of Missions, the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, the letter of Rev. C Cort, and items 4 and 5 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

From these official reports, your Committee learns, that there has been contributed for missions, during the past year, the following sums: Synod of the United States $5755.91; Synod of the Potomac $2630.00; Synod of Pittsburgh $1196.50; and miscellaneous sources $1371.34. Total $10,953.75. Disbursed by order of the Board $10,578.40; paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis $135.00: leaving a balance in the Treasury of $240.35.

The indebtedness of the Board has been reduced, during the year, from $7,000 to $3,000, which is indeed very encouraging. The Superintendent reports twenty-eight missions under the care of the Tri-Synod Board, and these are almost all in a prosperous condition. Your Committee can but give an imperfect synopsis of the work, and from which it is evident we have much, as a Church, to encourage us to go forward, and, with renewed zeal, to gather the harvest, that God, in His gracious providence, has caused to ripen in the field of our Church.

In regard to items 4 and 5 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod referred to the Committee, we would report, as follows: We notice from the Superintendent's Report, that there are two missions in the Valley of Virginia, Winchester and Middlebrook. The latter was received under the care of the Board, during last year. They receive an annual appropriation of $450.00. We cheerfully report also, that the attention of the Board and Superintendent has, in a measure, been bestowed upon this field.

In reference to the action of Synod last year, in regard to the Mission in Washington City, your Committee would recommend that this Synod proceed to take some definite action in relation to this important mission. The Committee recommends for adoption the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That this Synod, in its judgment, deems it necessary for the success of the Washington mission, that the sum of $2000, at least, be raised in the bounds of this Synod, for the purchasing of a lot and the erection of a chapel, in addition to the $3,000 already assumed by the Maryland Classis; and, also that this sum be apportioned to the other Classes, as follows: Zion's Classis $1,000, Mercersburg Classis $900, Virginia Classis $50, North Carolina Classis $25, and San Francisco Classis $25.

Resolved, further, That such measures be adopted by those Classes, at their next annual meetings, as, in their judgment, will most speedily secure these respective amounts.

Resolved, also, That in addition to the amount assumed by this Synod, the Board of Missions be requested to issue an appeal to the entire Church, thus affording every member of the Church, baptized as well as confirmed, an opportunity to give towards the building of a Chapel for the Washington City mission.

The Board of Missions will need the sum of $13,000, this coming year, to sustain its missions. The amount assigned to this Synod, for this purpose, is $3,500.00.

The adoption of the following resolutions, in this connection, is recommended, to wit:

Resolved, That this sum be apportioned among the different Classes of this Synod, as follows: Zion's Classis $1,100, Maryland Classis $1,300, Mercersburg Classis $1,100, Virginia Classis $300, North Carolina Classis $100, and San Francisco Classis $50—making $3,950.00.

Resolved, That the Synod hold a missionary meeting on Monday evening of the present sessions; that the President of the Board of Home Missions preside on the occasion; that Revs. Dr. Russell and A. C. Whitmer make addresses on the subject of Home Missions; that Revs. A. D. Gring and A. Wanner deliver addresses on Foreign Missions; and that a collection be lifted on the occasion for the cause of missions.

As to the communication of the Rev. C. Cort, in regard to the promise of Synod at York, Pa., in 1876, with reference to the appropriation of $500 for missions in Iowa Classis, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod requests all the pastors belonging to it, to take up a special collection for the payment of the implied obligations, made at the Synod of York, in 1876, to missions in Iowa Classis and missions in the Valley of Virginia, the money to be sent to the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions; and that any sum in excess of the required amount go into the Treasury of sa d Board and be applied to its uses.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM GOODRICH,
D. M. WHITMORE,
F. J. SAUERBER,
JOHN STOCKMAN,
JOHN BOWMAN,
Committee.

In this connection, the following additional resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That all moneys, which shall be raised within the bounds of this Synod for the erection of a Chapel for the use of the mission congregation in Washington City, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, to be used for the purpose designated.

Resolved, further, That the Maryland Classis be, and is hereby requested to appoint a Committee, who shall, conjointly with the mission congregation in Washington City, regulate the purchasing of a lot and the building of a chapel for said mission, and the committee so appointed by Maryland Classis shall have power to draw on the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions for such funds as shall have been placed in his hands for this specific purpose.

During the consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Missions, the item in reference to the interests of missions in the State of Virginia was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. S. Miller, A. G. Dole. A. H. Kremer, and Elders D. B. Russell and W. A. Wilt. This Committee reported, during the session of Monday Afternoon. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the item in the Report of the Standing Committee on Missions, having reference to the mission work within the bounds of the Virginia Classis, would offer the following report. The Committee, having conferred with the brethren of Virginia Classis, and having considered the interests of the Church within said Classical domain, would suggest the following:—

1st. That, in view of the hopeful futu e of the missions at Winchester and Middlebrook, this Synod commend these missions to the continued fostering care of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

2nd. That the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions be requested to place, as soon as practicable, a suitable person in the field of Virginia Classis to explore the territory; and also, that the Board determine the time in which the work shall be done, and the compensation to be given for the work.

3rd. That, as soon as one or more promising fields are found, the Tri-

Synodic Board of Missions be requested to appropriate, in addition to what may be raised by these fields, such amount as may be needed to support a missionary there.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON S. MILLER,
A. G. DOLE,
A. H. KREMER,
D. B. RUSSELL,
W. A. WILT,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, under item 2, that $4,500 had been apportioned, at last annual meeting, among the several Classes of this Synod, for the work of Home Missions. The Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Mission shows, that none of the Classes fully met their apportionments for Missions.

The Synod approved the General Synod's recommendation of the feasibility of at once organizing missionary societies in all the congregations throughout the Church, and referred the matter to the several Classes for their favorable action.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 3, reported the resignation of Rev. J. A. Peters as a member of the Board of Missions. The resignation was accepted, and the Standing Committee on Nominations was instructed to make provision for filling the vacancy, as well as nominate candidates to serve for four years, in the place of those whose term of service expired October 1st, 1878, by limitation. At the election for members of the different Boards, held during the sessions of Monday Afternoon, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer was elected for two years, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. A. Peters, and Rev. J. O. Miller and Elder Wm. A. Wilt were re-elected, to serve for four years, as members of the Synodic Board of Missions.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. O. Miller,	4 years,	October	1, 1882
Elder Wm A Wilt,	4 "	"	1, 1882
Rev. A. H. Kremer,	3 "	"	1, 1881
Elder G. S. Griffith,	3 "	"	1, 1881
Rev. E. R. Eschbach,	2 "	"	1, 1880
Rev. Ellis N. Kremer,	2 "	"	1, 1880
Elder Henry Wirt,	1 "	"	1, 1879

On Monday Evening a very interesting missionary meeting was held, according to the programme proposed by the Standing Committee on Missions. Upwards of Two Hundred Dollars were paid in

cash or pledged towards aiding in the erection of a new church edifice in the Middlebrook mission, in the Valley of Virginia, rapidly approaching completion. A collection for Missions was also lifted, in addition, amounting to some twenty dollars.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 4, reported a communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, stating that said Board had appointed the Licentiate Ambrose D. Gring, a member of this Synod, as Missionary to Japan, and also asking Synod's hearty cooperation in the work of Foreign Missions.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, under item 4, reported the reference by Zion's Classis to the Synod of the request of the Board of Foreign Missions addressed to said Classis, that constitutional arrangements be made for the ordination of the Licentiate Ambrose D Gring. Zion's Classis requested that this Synod determine the place and time of ordination, and make the necessary arrangements The whole matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Peters, J. O. Miller, A. Spangler, and Elders W. A. Wilt and G. S Griffith. This committee reported, as follows, which was received and adopted:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to whom have been referred the communication from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Overture from Zion's Classis in regard to the ordination of the Licentiate Ambrose D Gring, who has been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, as Missionary to Japan, beg leave to offer for your adoption the following resolutions, to wit:

I. *Resolved*, That the action of the Board of Foreign Missions, in the appointment of Mr. Gring to the work of missions in Japan, be approved by this Synod.

II. *Resolved*, That this Synod, in compliance with the request of the Board, coming to us through the action of Zion's Classis, make provision for the ordination of Mr. Gring to the Holy Ministry; and, moreover, requests the Synod of the United States to allow the ordination service to be held, during its approaching sessions, at Easton, Pa.

III. *Resolved*, That the cause of Foreign Missions be duly presented, at the missionary meeting of this Synod, if such meeting be appointed to be held.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Foreign Missionary work be earnestly commended to our churches as an object worthy of their prayers, and especially the progress and success of the Missionary in his labors, who has just been commissioned by the Board of Foreign Missions.

V. *Resolved*, That the cause of Foreign Missions be cordially recom-

mended to our people and congregations as an object eminently worthy of their confidence and pecuniary help.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Peters,
J. O. Miller,
Aaron Spangler,
G. S. Griffith,
W. A. Wilt,
Committee.

At the close of the missionary services on Monday Evening, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we as a Synod do now approach a throne of mercy, and beseech our kind, heavenly Father to bestow His richest blessing upon our dear Brother, and to spread over him the wings of His protecting love and favor, and to endow him abundantly with every needful gift and grace for his responsible work.

The Synod accordingly engaged in special prayer and supplication in behalf of the Missionary and his important work, who is to go forth, in due time as Foreign Missionary to Japan. These truly solemn and impressive services were conducted by the President of Synod, who led the Synod at the throne of heavenly grace, for a short time, in fervent prayer in behalf of Missionary Gring and his blessed work.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Synod submitted his Annual Report to Synod, which was received, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

Louis Markell, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac:*

DR.

October 18, 1877,	To balance in Treasury,	$126.40
" 23, "	To cash, Missionary Collection,	26·31
May 16, 1878,	To cash of Mercersburg Classis,	80.00
June 5, "	" Maryland Classis,	75.00
August 3, "	" North Carolina Classis,	25.00
Sept. 12, "	" Zion's Classis,	80.00
October 18, "	" Virginia Classis,	25.00
Making		$437.71

CONTRA. CR.

November 3, 1877,	by cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of Home Missions,	$ 26.31
January 2, 1878,	By cash paid Small & Welsh for printing Minutes,	120.87

January 2, 1878, By cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk, expenses,	$ 19.60
May 16, 1878, By cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Salary as Stated Clerk,	75.00
October 18, 1878, By cash paid for freight on Minutes of General Synod,	9.85
October 18, 1878, By balance, cash on hand,	186.08
Making	$437.71

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported, during the session of Monday Afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, with accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of $186.-08. To meet the estimated current expenses of this Synod, and to provide for one half of the assessment ($130.00) laid upon this Synod by the late General Synod, the Committee recommends, that the sum of $390.00 be assessed upon the several Classes, as follows:

Zion's Classis,	$110.00
Mercersburg Classis,	110.00
Maryland Classis,	110.00
Virginia Classis,	30.00
North Carolina Classis,	30.00
Making	$390.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Bowman,
D. N. Dittman,
W. H. Herbert,
Urias Ramsburg,
J. G. Lingenfelter,
Committee.

Item 6 of the Report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Synod, laid on the table at the time of considering said Report, was adopted, the Treasurer's Report showing that all the Classes had paid their assessments for contingent expenses.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, reported, under item 9, an assessment by the General Synod upon the Synod of the Potomac of $260.00, for Contingent Fund of General Synod.

On motion, the amount was accepted, and the Standing Committee on Finance was instructed to apportion one half of it upon the several Classes; the other half to be provided for, in like manner, next year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented their annual report to Synod, which was received and approved, and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to report, as follows:—Your Board held two meetings during the year that has just ended. Rev. J. O. Miller was chosen *President*, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach, *Secretary*. Owing to sickness in the family of the agent of Synod, Rev. M. H. Sangree, nothing was done towards liquidating the remaining indebtedness of $818 87, reported last year on the loan of $2,000 for the relief of the Printing Establishment. So that this amount with interest for the year is still unpaid. Three hundred dollars of this amount, at least, is already subscribed, and will shortly be paid over. We have authorized the agent to prosecute the work for another year, with the hope, that, by the close thereof, he may secure the balance needed to pay off said indebtedness.—We hope the Synod will commend this agent to the churches, and solicit especially the co-operation of the pastors and consistories, that have not yet assisted in liquidating this claim, by securing further subscriptions.

The term of Elder Louis Markell, as a member of the Board, will expire January 1st, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President*.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Elder H. Wirt Schriver was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder H. Wirt Schriver,	5 years,	January	1, 1884
Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich	4 "	"	1, 1883
Lewis H. Steiner, M. D.	3 "	"	1, 1882
Rev. J. O. Miller,	2 "	"	1, 1881
Rev. E. R. Eschbach,	1 "	"	1, 1880

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing took place under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its fifth Annual Report, during the session of Friday Morning, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Sunday-school Board report, that they have made suitable arrangements for the Friday Evening Sunday-school Meeting of the Synod, and ask, that a similar meeting be ordered to be held, on Friday Evening of the next sessions of Synod. The Board has also prepared a letter to the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of the United States, urging the publication of a larger lesson paper, which shall contain lessons for three grades of scholars. In regard to the Manual, which the Synod had for several years in view, the Board desires to say, that, for various reasons, we have not seen our way clear to lay hold of this work, and now respectfully ask, that we be relieved of it.

The Treasurer of the Board has in hand $34.00, for the use of the Board, received at different times by collections.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Whitmer.
J. W. Santee.
A. R. Kremer.
G. S. Griffith.

At the election held for members of the different Boards, Rev. A. C. Whitmer was re-elected a member of the Board for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer,	5 years,	October, 1883
" J. W. Santee,	4 "	" 1882
" A. R. Kremer,	3 "	" 1881
" W. K. Zieber,	2 "	" 1880
Elder G. S. Griffith,	1 year,	" 1879

The Sunday-school meeting was held on Friday Evening, as appointed, and the services took place agreeably to the programme of the Board, as given in the Report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services, save that two of the selected speakers failed to appear. The Report of the Sunday-school Board disposed of item 11 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, laid on the table, at the time of acting on said report, until the Sunday-school Board report

With reference to item 9 of the same Report, which had been similarly disposed of until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes report, it was ascertained that Zion's, Maryland, and Mercersburg Classes had taken action favorable to the organization of Sunday-school Conventions.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported, under item 6, a petition from Revs. J. Gantenbein and J. Muellhaupt of San Francisco Classis, resident in the State of Oregon, requesting the Synod to make provision for the organization of a new Classis out of the territory of the San Francisco Classis, lying north of the State of California.

The letter of the brethren was read, and the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, Wm. R. H. Deatrich, S N. Callender, and Elders A. R Schnebly and P. Middlekauff. This committee submitted its report during the session of Friday Afternoon, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Revs. J. Gantenbein and J. Muellhaupt, requesting the Synod to make provision to organize a new Classis on the Pacific Coast, north of California, would report the following:

1. This request comes from two members of the San Francisco Classis, and not from the Classis itself.

2. The Constitution of the Church, in Article 63, last clause, provides, that "an existing Classis cannot be dissolved, nor any part of it united with another, without its own consent."

We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the request of the Brethren Gantenbein and Muellhaupt be granted, subject to the consent of the San Francisco Classis.

Resolved, That, in case the San Francisco Classis shall give its consent to such new organization, the Rev. J. Gantenbein be and is hereby appointed to preach the opening sermon and preside at the organization, which shall be effected at such time and place as may in his judgment be suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Heller,
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,
S. N. Callender,
Peter Middlekauff,
A. R. Schnebly,
Committee.

CHANGE OF REPRESENTATION IN DISTRICT SYNODS.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported, under item 5, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church, granting to each District Synod the privilege of determining for itself the ratio or basis of representation of the Classes in the meetings of the District Synods.

The proposed amendment was approved, and the item was referred to the Classes for their approval or rejection.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, under items 12 and 13, certain action of the last annual Meeting of Synod enjoining and commanding the Classis of North Carolina to desist from the use of any other hymn book by her congregations than those already allowed, until the General Synod grants such permission; and that the Stated Clerk of the Classis of North Carolina, who had failed to furnish the Synod of Baltimore with a copy of the Minutes of the Classis for the year 1876–77, agreeably to the requirement of the Constitution of the Church, should be required to send, forthwith, to the Stated Clerk of Synod, a copy of the Minutes of said Classis for the year named.

The Stated Clerk of Synod reported, that the Stated Clerk of the North Carolina Classis complied with the requirements of Synod, and sent the Minutes demanded.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported under item 9, that the North Carolina Classis refused to comply with Synod's injunction and command not to use any selection of Psalms or Hymns in public worship in her churches, except such as have been approved or recommended by the General Synod.

Wherefore, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of North Carolina Classis be again directed to Articles 80 and 140 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, on the subject of hymn books, &c.

ARTICLE XX

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of the Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of Synod and was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Synod published, and distributed them agreeably to the instructions of your Reverend Body.

In accordance with the authority granted by the Synod of Baltimore, proposals were received for the printing of the Minutes of said Synod from four different firms, viz.: Small & Welsh of York, M. A. Foltz of Chambersburg, Edward J. Welch & Co. of Baltimore, and Grant, Faires & Rodgers of Philadelphia. The offer of the Messrs. Small & Welsh of York, Pa., was so much lower than that of any of the other firms, and their ability to perform the work in a business manner undisputed, that their bid was accepted without hesitation. Their proposal to print and bind in pamphlet form fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes was $32.00 less than the bid of any of the other firms, and about $60.00 less than that of

the Philadelphia firm, whose proposal was the highest. At the same time Messrs. Small & Welsh also offered to print an additional five hundred copies of the Minutes for $20.12. While the printing was in progress, upon consultation with numerous brethren, it was decided to accept the latter offer, and accordingly two thousand copies were ordered. The cost for this number was still some fifteen dollars less than any other bid for fifteen hundred copies, making allowance for their increased size, and $44.13 less than was paid for the printing of twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of the previous year.

The workmanship and general appearance of last year's Minutes may speak for themselves. The paper, printing, and cover are as good as in any former year. It is generally admitted that the contract has been honestly and faithfully performed.

Then too the Minutes were printed and distributed at an earlier date than in any previous year. Owing to having the reports of Committees printed in smaller type than the remainder of the Minutes, there was a very considerable saving of expense in their get up.

The cost of two thousand copies amounted to $120.87, which was punctually paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, published, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States was laid before Synod by the Rev. Dr. Fisher, and was read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. The Report is as follows:

I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH,

For the eleven months ending September 1st, 1878.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac:

The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following report:

The Board has had three regular meetings during the year. At the first regular meeting, Daniel W. Gross was elected *President*, and Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer*, for the ensuing year.

The particular business entrusted to the Board has received prompt and careful attention. During the early part of the year, the prospects were very encouraging, as there was a considerable increase in the business and receipts of the Board. During the Summer months, however, a more than usual falling off in business and receipts was experienced, so that the bright prospects of the earlier part of the year were more or less blighted. Still in this experience, the Board has not been alone, as the depression has been felt most seriously in all business circles. Though we are not

able to report as favorable results as we had fondly anticipated, yet there is, all things considered, no real ground for discouragement. With an improvement in the business condition of the country, and the hearty co-operation of the Church, we can confidently expect to make encouraging progress in the future.

The Board has deemed it expedient to make the financial year close with the last of August, one month earlier than heretofore, so that the present report covers a period of only eleven months. This change was found necessary in view of the fact, that the financial year, ending as heretofore so very near the time for holding the annual meetings of the several Synods represented in the Board, too short a time was allowed the officials of the Board for taking a careful account of stock and gathering and formulating all the material necessarily entering into the annual report. This fact must be borne in mind, when instituting a comparison between the results presented in the present and in any previous report.

The Board gave the contracts for executing its work during the year, to the lowest and best bidder, and has made arrangements to do the same in reference to the ensuing year.

With a view to continue the careful supervision over the affairs of the Board and the exercise of a proper scrutiny into its condition, inaugurated during the previous year, a committee of three, in which each of the Synods included in the Board was represented, was again appointed, who met two days prior to the annual meeting of the Board itself and entered into an investigation similar to the one made the previous year. The following is the report of this committee as presented to the Board, and adopted by it:

PHILADELPHIA, September 18th, 1878.

The undersigned committee appointed by the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of taking an Inventory of the Stock, and ascertain the amount of assets and put a just and fair valuation on the same, and also ascertain the amount of the liabilities of said Board, do report as follows:

That we have made a careful estimate of the value of the stock in the store, publications, materials on hand, and all other assets, with the following result:

Estimated value of assets,		$44,623.34
Real Estate,		35,000.00
		$79,623.34
Liabilities,	$32,097 36	
Mortgage,	20,000.00	
		52,097.36
Excess of assets,		$27,525 98

One year ago, when your committee examined the stock, they found a number of publications, which had been ordered by Synod, on hand, for which there was but little or no demand, as well as a large number of back volumes of the "Review" and "Guardian," which had been previously estimated at the cost of publication—these they put a low valuation upon. But still finding the larger portion of this dead matter on hand, we have further reduced them to a mere nominal value in our present estimate.

We find the stock of goods in the store generally fresh, and kept in good order; but, in view of the large depreciation in the value of all kinds of merchandise during the past year, we have made material deductions from cost upon many of the goods on hand.

We find, that, owing to the very limited amount of patronage extended to the Establishment by the Church at large, the amount of stock on hand is too large for the amount of sales, and would suggest the reduction of the stock as soon as possible, proportionate with the amount of business done.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENSEL,
J. W. LOVE,
A. B. WINGERD,
Committee.

In accordance with the suggestions of the committee in the foregoing report, the Board appointed a special committee from its own members, to make arrangements for working off, by special efforts, all surplus stock in the Establishment.

The decrease in the assets of the Board, as compared with those presented a year ago, is to be accounted for by the further deduction made on the previous valuation by the committee, referred to in their report. Apart from this deduction, they would compare favorably with those of the previous year.

From the full and minute statement of the Board during the eleven months covered by the report, and of the present condition of the Establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, the following summing up of the receipts and disbursements is gathered:

Receipts, for eleven months,	$31,520.14	
Disbursements,	32,116 30	
Excess of disbursements,	$ 596.16	
Treasurer's advances October 1, 1878,		$14,255.60
Add excess of disbursements,		596.16
Total Treasurer's advances September 1, 1878,		$14.851.76

From the report of the Superintendent, it still further appears, that the subscription lists of the several papers vary but little as to the number of subscribers, from that reported a year ago. The most material decrease is in the list of the "Child's Treasury," which reaches nine hundred and forty-four. There is a decrease in that of the "Messenger" of forty-two; "Review," twenty-one; "Lesson Papers," forty-two; and an increase to that of the "Guardian," of fifty-eight. The small decrease in the "Messenger" list, especially, may be accounted for by the careful pruning to which it has been subjected, in the way of relieving it of unprofitable subscribers.

The receipts and disbursements, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, show the former to be about the same as, and the latter considerably less than those of the last year, which is an encouraging feature.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:

"WHEREAS, The Superintendent reports to this Board, that the "Messenger" is published at a cost of about $2,000 more than is received on account of subscriptions to it; and, *whereas*, it is not deemed expedient to increase the subscription prices, therefore,

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to use a cheaper grade of paper, and if arrangements can be made with other religious papers, to

publish the inside pages of the large issue, on what is known as the co-operative plan.

Resolved, That the attention of the three Synods specially interested in the support of the Printing Establishment, be directed to the loss sustained in publishing the "Messenger," and that they be urged to make every possible effort to increase the subscription list to at least ten thousand paying subscribers.

Resolved, That as an inducement to take the "Messenger," new cash subscribers be furnished with it from the date of subscribing to the end of 1878 without charge.

With the approaching 1st of January, the term of service of George Gelbach, of the Synod of the United States, will expire, and also that of one member of the Board from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve upon these Synods to fill the vacancies that shall thus occur.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

D. W. Gross, *President.*

Sam'l R. Fisher, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, October 1st, 1878.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported, during the session of Monday Afternoon. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication have examined the Report of the Publication Board together with their Annual Statement accompanying the same. From these we have learned with pleasure, that in the management of the particular interests of the Church committed to them, they have met with a good degree of success. That though they, with other business interests generally, have experienced the heavy pressure of the hard times, a falling off in business and receipts, and so failed in realizing the bright prospects of the opening of the year, yet they report no real ground for discouragement, and are hopeful for the future.

From what your Committee have been able to learn of the management and financial condition of the Board, and in answer to their request to the several Synods to give them sympathy and help in their work, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we as a Synod heartily endorse the successful and economical business management of the Board.

Resolved, That in view of the heavy indebtedness of the Board, the present financial depression in business circles, and the falling off in the remuneration of labor in every sphere, we urge the Board, if at all possible, to reduce still further, in all particulars, salaries included, the expenses of the Board.

Resolved, That the pastors and consistories of this Synod be again earnestly asked to aid in the wider and more general circulation of all the publications of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Hoffheins,
P. A. Long,
Wm. I. Stewart,
M. P. Zacharias,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, under item 15, that agreeably to the Charter of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, it is made the duty of the Synod of the Potomac, at its present meeting, to elect a member of said Board, for the term of four years. On motion, the officers of Synod were instructed to decide which of the two members of the Board from this Synod should hold over, and accordingly decided that Elder G. S. Griffith so hold over. The Committee on Nominations were instructed to make provision for filling the vacancy. And at the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Elder Adam B. Wingerd was elected a member of the Board of Publication for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Adam B. Wingerd,.....4 years,.....1882
" Goldsboro S. Griffith,.....1 year, ...1879

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, under item 16, the continuance of the Committee to prepare and publish an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" *with music.*

The Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted, and the Committee was continued. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on tunes for the new Hymn Book have been prosecuting their work in conjunction with the Committee of the Synod of the United States, appointed for the same end. Tunes for over three-fourths of the hymns have been selected, and the work will be completed, it is hoped, by the coming Spring. We therefore report progress, and ask to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E Higbee, *Chairman,*
by request of the Committee.

XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE MESSENGER.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported, under item 2, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Higbee as Assistant Editor of The Messenger, which was accepted. The Standing Committee on Nominations was instructed to put in nomination candidates for the position. At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, the Rev. Abner R. Kremer was chosen as Assistant Editor of *The Messenger.*

During the session of Saturday Morning, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was received amended, and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets of these nominations printed for the use of Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday Afternoon's session. At the appointed time, the election took place. Revs. J. D. Zehring, J. T Rossiter, J. M. Mickley, D. N. Dittmar, J. D. Miller, and Elder I. K. Little were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Trustees of Synod, Missions, Sunday-school, Publication Board, and Assistant Editor of The Messenger.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 5, reported a statement of the condition of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and a request to aid in enlarging the work and usefulness of that institution. And the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, under item 4, reported, that the General Synod directs, that the claims of the Orphan Homes be urgently presented by the ministers and elders of all our congregations to the membership of the Church, and to adopt the best measures to develope most fully the spirit of charity.

Both of these items were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, A. G. Dole, and Elder J. Hager.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Bethany Orphans' Home, and also the general subject of Orphan Homes, beg leave to report, that they have examined the document relating to the Home at Womelsdorf. In the Home there are at this time fifty orphans. A kind heavenly Father has given the Home many tokens of His favor, blessing the orphans with health, whilst they in turn have manifested their thankfulness in their moral conduct and general good behaviour. Their wants have been supplied through the gifts of the Church and the rich yield of the farm. Yet the Managers have been hindered in their work for lack of funds. Their necessary expenses have exceeded the receipts, although they refused to admit to the Home more than three-fourths of the applicants, during the past year. They have room for one hundred and fifty orphans, but have been able to support only fifty. They report a present indebtedness of $6,600.00. Truly this is a sad story and appeals to our sympathies. They ask our prayers, they ask our aid. Shall we refuse this appeal of the orphans of the Church? Shall we turn a deaf ear to their cry? Nay, brethren, lest these little ones rise up in judgment against us, and the Great Judge condemn us, as untrue to Him. We, therefore, commend to pastors and people this Home for orphans, asking

your prayers and alms in their behalf, entreating you to give earnest heed to the cry of these little ones of Christ, trusting that especially in the free flow of gifts, during the Christmas tide, you will kindly remember them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Hoffheins,
A. G. Dole,
John Hager,
Committee.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, under item 5, a resolution of Mercersburg Classis, expressing a willingness to transfer Mercersburg College to the fostering care of Synod, if the Synod, in its judgment, is prepared to have such an institution under its care. The matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, A. Wanner, W. C. Cremer, and Elders W. J. Hensell and W. A. Wilt.

This Committee reported, during the session of Monday Afternoon, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the offer of Mercersburg Classis to transfer the care of Mercersburg College to the Synod of the Potomac, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully considered the proposition, and have taken occasion to confer with a number of the members of this Synod upon the subject; and as the result of these deliberations and consultations feel moved to present the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the proffer of Mercersburg Classis, and is willing to take Mercersburg College under her fostering care.

Resolved, That this Synod warmly commends said institution to the favor, the patronage, and the liberality of the congregations and members of the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College be authorized, at their own expense, to place an agent in the field to solicit aid for said institution, and that said agent be most cordially commended to the Christian favor and liberality of all our membership and the friends of education generally.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. Callender,
W. C. Cremer,
W. A. Wilt,
Wm. J. Hensell.

The election of four delegates, two ministers and two elders, as members of the Commission to convene in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., on the last Wednesday of November, A. D. 1879, to consider and solemnly deliberate over all matters in controversy within the Church, with a view of devising a plan of amicable adjustment, was, on motion, deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 1, reported an invitation from the Managers of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington County, Md., to visit their exhibition, then being held, in the immediate vicinity of Hagerstown. The invitation was, on motion, accepted by the Synod, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return the thanks of the Synod to the Board of Managers for the courtesy extended.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon the members of Synod, to remunerate the sexton, and to meet incidental expenses. The Revs. N. H. Skyles and C. G. Fisher were appointed the committee to collect said assessment. At a subsequent session, the committee reported, as follows, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to collect the assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, would report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them as far as practicable, and the amount collected is $27.70.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. Skyles,
Chas. G. Fisher,
Committee.

The money thus raised, except one dollar to pay for the printing of the tickets for Synod's use, was handed to the Pastor *loci.*

On Friday Morning, a committee was appointed with plenary power to grant leave of absence, consisting of Revs. A. Wanner, A. R. Kremer, W. C. Cremer, and Elders H. M. Cocklin, and J. Stallsmith. The committee reported that the following persons had left before the close of the sessions, by permission of the committee, viz.:—Revs. D. W. Ebbert, E. E. Higbee, E. R. Eschbach, F. S. Leindaman, F. F. Bahner, I. M. Motter, and Elders D. Fortney, G. Hoke, L. Markell, F. Gutshall, J. T. Ankeny, P. B. Mikesell, G. Remsburg, G. Koons, H. Omwake, J. D. Aurandt, W. H. Bargelt, and J. Lantz.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology submitted the following, which was received and adopted, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren in the Ministry:

The Lord God has vouchsafed His mercy to us, and spared the lives of all His ministerial servants belonging to our Synod, throughout another

year, with one exception. That exception embraces the oldest father lately on our ministerial roll—the venerable Frederick William Vandersloot, who departed this life at his late residence near York, Pa., on Wednesday night, September 11th, A. D. 1878. Born in Northampton County, Pa., December 8th, 1803, he lived to the age of 74 years, 9 months and 3 days.

The family from which he was descended was eminently a family of ministers, and the connection of its members with the ministry of the Reformed Church can be traced back almost to the time of the Reformation. During all this period, from its commencement to the present time, the chain has remained unbroken, not a link having failed, although at one time four generations passed with but one son in the family.

He received his classical education mainly at the old Pennsylvania College in Philadelphia, and which has been since superceeded by the University College. He studied theology partly under his father, whose name also was Frederick William Vandersloot, and who had charge of congregations, at the time, in the State of Virginia; and also partly at the Theological Seminary, then located in Carlisle, Pa., and presided over by the Rev. Lewis Mayer, D. D. He was licensed in Philadelphia in 1830, and was ordained the same year; and having taken charge of Staley's Church, he served this and affiliated congregations in York County, Pa. He continued to serve this pastoral field of labor, during the uninterrupted period of forty-six years, until constrained by increasing age and growing infirmities to resign his charge, about two years before his death.

He labored in the work of the Christian ministry for about fifty years, having taught publicly in the house of the Lord, some years before his licensure and ordination, whilst pursuing his studies in Virginia, under his father.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Deatrick,
J. W. Santee,
A. J. Heller,
G. S. Griffith,
Committee.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of this Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to the Pastor and members of the First Reformed Church, and also to the members of the Second Reformed Church and other citizens of Hagerstown, for the very kind and hospitable entertainment extended to its members, during our very pleasant sojourn among them, and that we invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon them.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the Reformed Churches of Hagerstown be requested to read the foregoing resolution from their respective pulpits, at their next Lord's Day service.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to return the thanks of this Synod to the Western Maryland, Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Companies for kindness

in permitting the members of Synod to pass over their respective roads, at reduced rates of fare.

Resolved, That the papers of Hagerstown be kindly requested to publish the foregoing resolutions.

The Synodical Roll was then called, and no member of Synod was found absent without permission.

The minutes were then finally read, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolutions were adopted, during the session of Friday Afternoon, to wit:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be *in General Convention.*

Resolved, That when we adjourn finally, it be to meet again in annual sessions in the First Reformed Church of Frederick, Md., on Wednesday Evening, October 22nd, A. D. 1879, at 7 o'clock.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday Night, October 21st, at about 11 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Gloria Patri, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

MOSES KIEFFER *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'm Infants.	Bapt'm Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benev. Contrib'ns General.	Benev. Contrib'ns Local.	Students.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Manheim,	450	175	24		11		425			12	8		$ 174.75			Hanover, York Co., Pa.
Daniel Reigel,	2	Dillsburg,	245		12	3	15		179			8	2		87.00			Dillsburg, " "
Jacob Ziegler,		Without charge,																York, " "
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	1	Trinity Church, York,	376	305			28	14	355				4	550	3.38	$ 36.75		York, " "
Daniel Gring,	4	Shrewsbury,	435	200	43				384		6	15	6	200	76.22	1120 00	1	Shrewsbury, York "
William K. Zieber, D.D.,	1	Hanover,	348	300	18		8	7	375		5	7	1	250	314.00	5405.62		Hanover, " "
John Ault,	4	Christ Church,	1010	554	72	3	45	15	920		10	21	4	380	141.00	6400.00		Littlestown, Adams "
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Mechanicsburg,	300	189	21	6	14	13	292		8	8	2	204	137.00	1457.00		Mechanicsburg, Cumberl'd "
Jacob D. Zehring,	5	Emanuel's,	915	370	89		29	5	801		4	26	10	300	223.40	600.00		Codorus, York "
Rinehart R. Smith,	5	Trinity,	265	158	54		8	1	195		6	20	7	188	17.21	273.00		York, " "
Aaron Wanner,	3	York Springs,	280	175	17	5	23	7	225		3	5	3	170	80.00	1200.00	1	York, " "
Aaron Spangler,	1	Zion's Church, York,	475	200	28	4	32	20	311			6	1	100	53.83	750.00		York, " "
Francis S. Lindaman,	4	Zion's,	375	250	30	1	21	6	325		2	3	5	200	171.96	1000.00	1	Blain, Perry "
Reuben Rauhauser,	4	Mt. Pleasant,	100	60	17	1	26		90			4	4	100	25.39			Dallastown, York "
Israel S. Weisz. D. D.,	4	Paradise,	820	525	69		42	11	718		16	25	9	365	350.00	1600.00		York, " "
Moses Kieffer, D. D.,	2	Gettysburg,	325	240	20		25	10	310	2	6	7	1	125	75.00	1200.00		Gettysburg, Adams "
William H. Herbert,	4	Landisburg,	340	160	6	2	25	2	300		2	4	4	250	88.00			Landisburg, Perry "
Andrew J. Heller,	4	Conawogo,	475	300	40	6	30	10	430		9	8	3	200	130.33	2850.00		Arendtsville, Adams "
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.,		Without charge,																Shippensburg, Cumberland "
Wm. F. Colliflower,	5	Abbottstown,	680	650	40	6	37	5	600		3	22	6	395	89.24	900.00	2	New Oxford, Adams "
John Kretzing,	3	New Bloomfield,	277	190	16			4	204		8	6	3	285	70.00	875.00		Newport, Perry "
U. Henry Heilman,	3	Duncannon,	130	100	18	1	6	8	100		3	4	3	165	34.87	539.38		Duncannon, Perry "
Vacant.	4	Sulphur Spring,	201	104	5	5	17	18	178		3		3	60	39.00	760.00		Carlisle, Cumberland "
F. E. Vandersloot,		Without charge.																Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va.
J. Marion Mickley,	1	Newburg,	109	70	6	7	14	9	102		1	6	1	100	25.00	340.00		Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
E. Garver Williams,	4	Kreutz Creek,	175	100	22		16	15	125			3	4	150	39.00	650.00		York, York "
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	Carlisle,	210	175	7		1	10	165		2	6	1	150		900.00		Carlisle, Cumberland "
Fred'k J Sauerber,	1	Heidelberg Ch., York,	157	129	4		4	6	130		1	1	1	215		1400.00		York, York "
William D. Lefever,		Without charge,																Littlestown, Adams "
Sup. by Rev. A. Wanner,	1	Mt. Zion Cong.,	83	75	9	1	8	4	70				2	110	16.00	50.00		
" " Rev. R. R. Smith	1	Ziegler's Cong.,	82	51	7			3	64				1					
Ambrose D. Gring,		Missionary to Japan.																Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
Samuel T. Wagner,		Licentiate,																Landisburg, Perry "
Total, 30.	78		9638	5785	696	51	485	203	8273	2	98	231	98	5212	$2458.20	$30370.00	5	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'm Infants.	Bapt'm Adults.	Addt'ns Confirmat'ns.	Addt'ns Certificate.	Communed during the year.	Ex-Communicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Local Objects.	Contributions. General Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	4	Cavetown,	372	145	31	3	15	4	325	0	2	5	4	250		$1150.00	$129.47	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	1	St. Stephen's, Supply,	26	20	1	0	1	0	24		0	0	0	00			15.00	Knoxville, Frederick "
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	Evangelical Reformed,	530	400	35	1	19	8	408		9	24	1	530		3619.95	873.00	Frederick, Frederick "
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	170	150	13	2	20	7	170		2	8	2	150		1000.00	58.00	Clearspring, Washington "
Simon S. Miller,	2	Boonsboro,	179	115	7	7	15	9	164		4	10	2	160		1200.00	656.72	Boonsboro, Washington "
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	273	212	21	4	9	3	225		6	15	2	275	1	3300.00	275.00	Hagerstown, Washington "
Abner R. Kremer,	2	Emmittsburg,	370	224	19	1	15	9	293		8	7	2	65	1	1050.00		Emmittsburg, Frederick "
Daniel Gans, D. D.,	1	Third Church, Balt.,	312	150	13	1	13	7	270		3	3	1	150		3200.00	162.75	67 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford,	1	Ressurrection, Church,	124	55	6	0	0	0	116		2	5	1	30		620.00	19.00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.
P. Allison Long,	4	Taneytown,	350	354	45	0	25	18	293		4	20	2	150		900.00	75.00	Taneytown, Carroll "
Orange E. Lake,	4	Glade,	345	290	44	2	21	6	325		2	21	4	250		1100.00	50.00	Walkersville, Frederick "
Joel T. Rossiter,	1	First Church, Balt.,	321	126	23	3	24	17	284		4	20	2	350		3300.00	245.00	208 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4	Jefferson,	305	230	14	1	13	2	290		1	6	2	200		975.00	89.00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
Henry Wissler,	5	Mechanicstown,	303	231	19	0	10	4	258		0	4	4	120		425.00	72.07	Mechanicstown, Frederick "
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	1	Middletown,	350	175	16	0	1	1	300		3	4	1	250		1100.00	205.50	Middletown, Frederick "
Ambrose C. Geary,	3	Mt. Moriah,	178	61	10	4	16	4	168		"	4	3	205		875.00	92.00	Keedysville, Washington "
John G. Noss,	3	Westminster,	780	493	77	3	16	37	531		9	20	3	322	1	1250.00	146.00	Westminster, Carroll "
Anthony Shulenberger,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	91	76	11	1	5	5	70		0	1	2	125		503.00	47.50	Liberty, Frederick "
William Rupp,	3	Manchester,	436	312	39	1	34	3	368		1	19	3	180		526.24	68.47	Manchester, Carroll "
George B. Russell, D. D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	22	9	3	0	1	5	21		0	0	1	25		150.00		1444 N. St. N.W. Washington D.C.
Leighton G. Kremer,	1	Christ's Church,	70	65	6	1	2	1	63		3	1	1	80		700.00	4.00	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Nicholas E Gilds,		Without Charge,																Mechanicstown, Frederick "
Charles H Coon,		" "																Hagerstown, Washington "
Jonas B. Shontz,		Prison Chaplain,																No. 50 Courtland St., Balt., Md.
George M. Zacharias,		Licentiate,																Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Henry E. Cook,		"																Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Marion L. Firor,		"																Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.
Total, 27.	49		5907	3896	153	35	275	150	4965	0	65	197	43	3867	3	$26944.19	$3283.48	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	No. of Congregat'ns	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'm Infants.	Bapt'm Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Minist'y	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Deatrick,		Without charge,																	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown,	3	Mercersburg,	337	309	12	4	7	4	320	6			7	3	198		$ 207.78	$ 1606.67	" " "
George R. Zacharias,		Disabled,																	Upper Strasburg, " "
Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona	300	225	26	1	5	1	240	12			10	1	175	1	94.50	1200.00	Altoona, Blair "
Elnathan E. Higbee, D.D	1	College Church,	51	7	1	1	4	1	51	6						2	45.00	78.35	Mercersburg, Franklin "
John H. Sykes,	1	Greencastle,	208	174	17	3	21	9	183	9			11	1	93		132 50	1829.70	Greencastle, " "
Jacob B. Kerschner,		Prof in Mer. College,																	Mercersburg, " "
Albert G. Dole,	2	Huntingdon,	365	150	10	1	11	4	360	16			4	2	214	4	39.37	1000.00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon "
Elias D. Shoemaker,		Disabled,																	Bedford, Bedford "
John A. Peters,	3	Waterstreet,	375	154	15		13	12	361	10			5	2	225	2	565.76	1000.00	Lancaster, Lancaster "
Ellis N. Kremer,	3	Bedford,	3 8	198	7	2	12	2	266	6	1		6	3	190		288 69	1423.77	Bedford, Bedford "
Milton H. Sangree,	4	Everett.	260	140	12	3	8	4	250			4	5	4	150	1	50.00	1200.0	Everett, " "
Henry I. Comfort,	3	Grindstonehill.	180	106	4		8	12	165	9		3	4	2	175		35.40	1000 0	Chambersburg, Franklin "
Henry Miller,		Superannuated,																	Waynesboro, " "
Jacob Hassler,	2	Loudon,	140	60	11	1	5	3	132	3			3	2	125		55.90	525.00	Mercersburg, " "
Henry F Seiple,	3	Hickory Bottom,	178	160	5		4	3	156				5	3	125		10.0	300 00	Henrietta, Blair "
David N. Dittmar,	4	St. Clairsville,	367	245	32	9	10	4	318	4			7	2	125		156.00	875.00	St. Clairsville, Bedford "
David M Whitmore,	3	Friend's Cove,	270	200	25	4	8	3	251	1			7	2	200		115.00	615.75	Charlesville. " "
Frederick A. Ripley,	1	Clover Creek,	130	55	9	1	1		105				9	1	65		62.25	178.50	Martinsburg, Blair "
John M. Schick,	3	Orbisonia,	92	60	10	3	6	6	80				3	2	65		52.70	719.09	Orbisonia, Huntingdon "
William I. Stewart,	3	St. Thomas,	196	357	14		7	6	186	2			6	3	200	1	115.00	919.70	St. Thomas, Franklin "
Carl Gundlach,	1	St. John's Church,	64	51	2		4	6	59	6			3	1	55		25.20	32 0.00	Chambersburg, " "
Isaac M. Motter,	2	Mont Alto,	156	70	5	1	6	7	134	1		2		2	237	1	242.16	1297.98	Waynesboro, " "
David W. Ebbert,	1	Shippensburg,	159	50	1		1	4	134	1			4	1	115		31.50	665.00	Shippensburg, Cumberland "
William C. Cremer,	1	Chambersburg,	279	210	12		7	6	230	4			6	1	380		150.00	1329.25	Chambersburg, Franklin "
William A. Gring,	3	Sulphur Spring,	173	138	10			1	105					2	65		38.00	454.45	Mann's Choice, Bedford "
Franklin F. Bahner,	3	Waynesboro,	320	225	9		5	4	262	3			4	1	150	2	26.42	1200.00	Waynesboro, Franklin "
Henry F. Long,	4	Greenfield,	399	396	36		15	5	360				6	3	200		111 80	815.00	Sarah, Blair "
J. David Miller,	2	Martinsburg,	196	111	5			4	160	6			3	2	110	1	28.70	228.57	Martinsburg, Blair "
Henry S. Garner,	3	Schellsburg,	253	190	13	1	5		213	1			3	2	100		31.78	240.00	Schellsburg, Bedford "
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Woodcock Valley,	261	235					220				4	3	120		16.10	100.00	James Creek, Huntingdon "
J. Alvin Reber,	3	McConnellsburg,	150	90					135									100.00	McConnellsburg, Fulton "
Isaac N. Peightel,	2	Yellow Creek,	160	100	3		4		140	3		1	12	2	130		108.50	400.00	Pattonsville, Bedford "
Vacant,	1	Middleburg,	57	42	7		7	1	47				2	1	25		10.67	100.00	State Line, Franklin "
	70		6384	4508	313	35	184	112	5623	109	1	10	139	54	4012	15	$2847.12	$21,791.78	
John B. Kieffer,		Prof. in M. & F. College																	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.
George F. Mull,		Prof. in Mer. College.																	Mercersburg, Franklin "
John M. North,		Licentiate.																	" " "
Total 36.																			

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infant Baptism.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POZT-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell,	3	Rockingham,	187	75	5	1	6	1	130	2	1		3	3	100		$ 60.00	$	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
George H Martin, D. D.,	4	Woodstock,	360		11	4	24	5	340				2	2	110		240.00		Woodstock, Shenandoah "
Henry St. J. Rinker,	1	Lovettsville,	110	86	9	1	8	1	88			12	2	1	65		30.00	170.10	Lovettsville, Loudon "
Samuel N. Callender, D. D.,	2	Mt. Crawford,	202		10		7	3	185	2			3	1	50	1	150.00	200.00	Pleasant Valley, Rockingham Co., Va.
Charles G. Fisher,	2	Winchester,	115	86	8	1	2	8	86				2	1	75		34.00	317.00	Winchester, Frederick "
Henry Talhelm,	3	Edenburg,	185		11	8	8	1	155				3				32.00		Edenburg, Shenandoah "
John C. Bowman,	1	Shepherdstown,	125	50	3			6	98	4			3	1	110		52.00	305.00	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co., West Va.
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Martinsburg,	214		7		3	11	178				1	1	160		90.00		Martinsburg, Berkeley " "
Anderson J Whitmore,	2	Middlebrook,	120		5	5			92	1			2	1	65		25.00		Middlebrook, Augusta " Va.
Barton R. Carnahan,	4	Mill Creek,	238		12	7	29	1	209	3			3	2	68		42.00	180.00	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah " "
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,																	Bridgewater, Rockingham " "
Andrew J. Bowers,		" "																	Weyer's Cave, Augusta " "
George A. Whitmore,		Licentiate.																	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
Total, 13.	23		1856	297	81	27	87	37	1561	12	1	12	24	13	803	1	$755.00	$1172.10	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bapt'm Infants.	Bapt'm Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. Wm. Welker,	3	Guilford,	283	160	16			1	270				3	2	90	1	$20.00	$ 450.00	Greensboro, North Carolina.
Jeremiah Ingold,	1	Hickory,																	Hickory, " "
Thomas Long,	4	Upper Davidson,	172	81	15	4	6	5	150	4				4	130	1	5.00		Salem, " "
Jesse W. Cecil,	1	Moffitt's Grove,	21				6		20										Thomasville, " "
John Ingle,	3	Central Rowan,	145	65	4			2	145	2				2	67				Salisbury, " "
John C. Denny,		Without charge,																	Heilig's Mills, " "
Jacob C. Clapp,	3	Catawba,	343	171	22	1	11	4	343	4			5	2	100	1		570.00	Newton, " "
Peter M. Trexler,	2	Western Rowan,	282	140	15		1	1	240	2			6	2	70			312.00	Salisbury, " "
Michael L. Hedrick,	4	Lower Davidson,	216	102	12	4	11		215				1	2	83	1			Silver Hill, " "
John A. Foil,	3	Lincoln,	200	85	8		9		200				3	2	70			215.00	Newton, " "
Julius H. Shuford,	3	Grace,																	Hickory, " "
Robert F. Crooks,	2	East Rowan,	343	115			6	37	343	3	2			2	90	1	2.00		Heilig's Mills, " "
Total 12.	29		2005	919	92	9	44	50	1926	15	2		18	18	700	5	$27.00	$1547.00	

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptism.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-school.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students.	Benevolent Contributions.	Local Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Julius H. Krueger,	1	Stockton,	68	74	12		18	7	60				2	1	65		$20.00		Stockton, California.
Frederick Fox,	1	Napa.	30	40	9		4	2	28				2	1	40		15.00		Napa, Napa Co., California.
John Gantenbein,	1	Portland,	66	70	10		10	12	66				3	1	50		10.00		Portland, Oregon.
J. Muellhaupt,	2	Salem,	50	55	8		6	20	45				1	2	45				Salem, "
Lewis C. Edmonds,		Without charge,																	Emporia, Kansas.
Julius Fuendeling,	1	San Francisco,	60	115	20		7	8	50				4	1	95		34.40		San Francisco, California.
George Mechtersheim.																			Walla-Walla, Washington Ter
Total, 7.	6		274	354	59		45	49	251				12	6	295		$79.40		

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infant.	Adult.											Benevolent Purposes.	Local Purposes.
Zion's,	30	78	9,638	5 785	696	51	485	203	8,273	98	2		231	98	5,212	5	$2,458.20	$30.370 00
Mercersburg,	36	7[illegible]	6,384	4,508	313	35	184	112	5 623	109	1	10	139	54	4,012	15	2,847.12	21.791.78
Maryland,	27	49	5,907	3,896	153	35	275	150	4.965	65			197	43	3,867	3	3,283.48	26,944.19
North Carolina,	12	29	2,0[illegible]5	919	92	9	44	50	1,926	15	2		18	18	700	5	27.00	1,547.00
Virginia,	13	23	1,856	297	81	27	87	37	1,561	12	1	12	24	13	803	1	755.00	1,172.10
San Francisco,	7	6	274	354	57	2	45	49	250	2			12	6	295		79.40	
Total: 6 Classes,	125	255	26,064	15,759	1,394	159	1,12[illegible]	601	22,598	301	6	22	611	232	14,889	29	$9,450.20	$81,825.07
Synod of the United States, 8 Classes,	207	434	66,762	38,753	5,730	317	3,781	824	53,798	555	17	366	2,665	505	37,947	60	20,635.00	185,433.60
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes,	162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19	403	541	253	20,134	23	7.032.00	80,870.00
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	52	113	10,157	7,746	806	41	685	244	8,745	122	1	83	244	97	6,333	13	5 939.14	48,045.74
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes,	132	202	16,459	13,048	1,627	9	989	762	13,185	230	11	111	482	161	9,092	18	7,980.00	58.032.00
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	38	38	7,936	5,655	1,520	22	537	411	6,736	63	18	52	567	38	5,670	4	4,194.00	52,886.00
Grand Total: 6 Synods, 45 Classes,	716	1382	151,838	92,268	12.5[illegible]3	1,012	8,719	3,579	124,654	1,539	72	1,037	5,110	1,289	94,665	147	$55,230.34	$507,091.81

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